

42nd Bombardment Squadron (H) Missions: 20 May 1943 – 5 March 1944.

**42nd Bombardment Squadron (H),
11th Bombardment Group (H), 7th Air Force (1941-January 1943);
13th Air Force (January 1943 -)**

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“May 20, 1943 marked the beginning of operations for the 42nd after replacements were made for the original men who wend down under July 18, 1942 and ceased operations February 7, 1943.”

Commanding:

ERNEST R. MANIERRE.

O-23367

(ENLISTED PERSONNEL)

Master Sergeants:

Barnhart, Lawrence E.	R-41964
Bertenshaw, Arthur E.	6530306
Collins, Jacob.	R-1346711
Dunn, John H.	6814523
Hoffman, George E.	R-286069
Lawton, Kenneth.	6847669
McCormick, Charles W.	6775613
Merian, August A.	6204963
Planeta, Adolph M.	6796675
Ray, Robert W.	6544986
Searcy, Charlie E.	6373119
Williamson, Monte C.	6791955

1st Sergeant:

Babbington, Paul K.	13000268
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Technical Sergeants:

Bowles, Luther R.	6278299
Brewster, William J.	6393498
Bryant, Edward M.	6151809
Hill, William G.	6272323
Mack, Joseph.	6964874
Mardis, Marion L.	6580100
Miller, Elwood E.	6940866
Robertson, Victor F.	6265436
Robertson, Virgil F.	6256460
Rock, William T.	6943705

Continued:

Technical Sergeants: (Cont'd).

Warren, Wallace L.	6270766
Weaver, James P.	6250099
Tuley, Paul W.	6572980

Staff Sergeants:

Adler, Paul.	6147915
Bayer, Charles E.	6911387
Beitler, Henry C. Jr.	6936109
Byrd, Bert E. Jr.	6667932
Caporiccio, Attilio F.	6948726
Croyle, Fred S.	6845914
Culver, James H.	6978424
Berry, John B.	6934507
Davis, Eugene C.	6148847
Doyle, Frank J.	6946973
Gudenschwager, Lester L.	6291432
Heilman, Raymond A. Jr.	6897754
Hendricks, Arthur J.	6265912
Hotard, William L.	6296361
Henderson, Buford H.	6272535
Jones, Frederick R.	6394924
Krantz, Howard L.	6978501
Lindley, William E.	6579664
Luczyk, Theodore C.	6948081
Meglemery, Clarence A.	6668628
Morgan, Leith C.	6999212
Narehood, Charles W.	7021105
Noble, Charles E.	699897 6998307
Novak, Peter F.	6897614
Palmer, John B.	6998391
Portzline, Woodrow E.	6849634
Pierog, Frank P.	6999516

(Staff Sergeants Cont'd)

Rodriguez, Ruperto B.	6296828
Schnell, Charles E.	6367841
Scott, John T.	6562119
Slate, Henry C.	6296346
Sparks, Thomas C.	6934713
Stone, Rodney M.	6264873
Swallow, Donald R.	6859472
White, Henry E.	6903 641
Wike, Giles W.	6372782

SERGEANTS

Achberger, Eugene C.	6669140
Allen, Willett T.	6668695
Anderson, Loid A.	6934142
Bailey, Charles F.	6969171
Barger, Leslie W.	6826311
Berger, Samuel,	6979854
Cain, Alton B.	6385208
Conway, Theodore W.	7003673
Coleman, Martin L.	13010517
Cuckler, James H.	17030602
Davis, Harry L.	20244014
Dickerson, Gilbert O.	6917279
Disney, Frank E.	6268777
Dye, William L.	6274740
Evans, Edward E. Jr.	13000493
Evans, Vernon W.	7002345
Falvo, Patsy J.	6989984
Finn, Edward.	11020196
Fones, Guy P.	6951848
Frick, Edward.	6953878
Goodness, Burnell F.	16921387
Harmon, Leonard J.	7040013
Heidenrieck, Norman W.	16007791
James, Charles Dr.	16017331
Joos, Jacques.	6975932
King, Cecil E.	6936624
King, Hugh H.	7000804
Lawson, Marcellus H.	7023335
Lowrie, Robert B.	13005997
Lyles, Thatcher H.	7003241
Mangrum, John E.	7007611
Martin, Clayton D.	16015470
Mathewson, James E.	16028061

(Sergeants Cont'd)

McCall, Albert C. Jr.	7020297
McCorrle, John F.	6296620
McQuire, John H.	6996745
McLaven, Gerald P.	6917292
Morse, Warren F.	6950695
Natiello, Creste G.	7024944
Oakes, George W.	7023374
Paine, John G.	7005734
Peel, Harold W.	7003427
Phillips, Edgar L.	6980163
Shullenbarger, Albert.	6954609
Simpkins, Ulysses R. Jr.	7082649
Siskin, David M.	11010617
Smith, Edwin C.	6291439
Stephens, James C. Jr.	6953552
Stewart, Virgil A.	16007703
Tomko, William J.	13010674
Watson, Norman H.	6582927
Wells, James I. Jr.	14047582
Williams, Jack A.	6934696

(Corporals)

Altman, Frank.	12006235
Babst, William A.	18052625
Baer, Clinton D.	6154518
Balanut, Eigmund J.	11016583
Bailey, Yvon W.	6578752
Bales, James Y.	15058894
Banasiak, Frank ⁴¹⁸⁸ N.	11020224
Beckwith, Jennings G.	6978541
Besse, Belden A.	11016577
Bednar, Daniel G.	16040888
Bousson, Joseph E.	16003526
Burns, Edwin H.	16012714
Brown, Russell P.	6664775
Capra, Everest W.	6930857
Carman, Seymour.	16006176
Cassarino, Vincent A.	6905541
Cave, Fred H.	6823057
Caviness, Sanford S.	17030232
Chapman, Robert D.	7022043
Charuk, Peter.	6150144
Davis, Charles L.	16014835
Donofrio, Leonard L.	16003009
Duncan, James W.	16017272
Egelhoff, Beverly J.	39165320
Elicker, Charles K.	6995864
Ell, Bernard M.	13025604 5850
Fabiano, Peter R.	16003441
Faerber, James E.	12032510
Field, Charles H.	6909256
Field, Thomas A.	6981119
Fontenot, Wallace J.	14063320
Ford, George W.	11020229
Gans, Edwin J.	32174005

Corporals (Cont'd)

Geishirt, Kenneth W.	16007798
Grady, Martin T.	6980875
Garner, Johnnie H.	14060698
Henninger, Virchel C.	6711513
Herman, Frederick F.	16012691
Holsted, Leslie H.	6828629
Hudson, William H.	6887491
Maurer, John W.	7070790
McChay, Jack.	17031167
McQuigg, Fred E.	7022166
Mueller, Fritz H.	53029974
Munes, Joseph.	11020288
Osborne, Bruce W.	7082892
Powers, John H.	7026758
Rheam, Clarence R. Jr.	7021017
Richards, Hardy.	7002354
Sharp, Mylus O. Jr.	6988492
Spencer, Orville G.	7030431
St. Clair, Eugene W.	16028294
Stephanik, Walter E.	13011049
Sweigert, Ernest.	13003115
Thompson, James D.	6265752
Thompson, Robert H.	6579808
Warner, Edward J.	13004103
Welkis, Eli.	12006903
Patton, William W. Jr.	6654151
Black, Otis O. Jr.	18057748

Privates First Class:

Carroll, Edward A.	6979511
Christy, Bruce Jr.	17031076
Curry, Oliver.	39836657
Deese, Herbert B.	38023867
Evvett, Fern R.	36049469
Carrett, Darwin A.	10100065
Giller, David E.	35036046
Gurney, James L.	39022846
Hillgren, Joseph H.	39857222
Kock, William E.	39306801
Love, Henry C.	14064636
Mac Parlane, William H. Jr.	11014131
Olmstead, Jesse N.	11033041
Pustelny, Stanley G.	33171764
Reynolds, Kenneth P.	11014128
Saffer, Clinton S.	13069464
Shadbolt, Harold E.	12056625
Sheehan, James J.	32244943
Stumacher, Kolman.	12026765
Todisco, Generoso P.	11020181
Videtich, Adolph.	33172014
Walker, Frank E.	38024109

Privates:

Campbell, Wesley D.	17023722
Chilton, Leonard F.	18052706
Daniel, George G.	14048515
Deffenbough, James L. Jr.	37099554
Durka, Mathew A.	13037520
Eastin, John P.	15068209
Eaton, William C.	34146237
Fernicola, Frank A.	32181976
Fox, Bernard.	34151048
Frank, Kenneth L.	14068461
Freundschuh, Gilbert A.	34057309
Fromer, Kenneth H.	35168379
Garrison, Richard A.	37099368
Goacher, James L.	37099628
Gregg, Richard E.	54171568
Henry, Benjamin R.	33102242
Kessler, Gerald F.	6937196
Mittleman, Alvin.	12027827
Majeski, Henry M.	7025106
Springer, Jack D.	16019318
White, Frank G.	6396614
Omanoff, William.	12022594
Fox, Rudolph P.	12032628

Privates:(Army of the United States)

Anderson, Franklin L.	10100084
Mohr, Arthur W.	19065235
Palmisano, Rosario L.	12056461
Riley, Joseph C.	15099512
Smith, Floyd E.	18040272
Tarnosky, John A.	10100088

Privates: (Selective Service & Training)

Adams, Madison A.	36327443
Coyle, William A.	32222559
Della Passione, Joseph.	32222544
Fronheiser, Paul M.	33160068
Grandi, Joseph O.	39836750
Keyes, Harry W.	36145901
Mahoney, Jeremiah P.	39836777
McNatt, Albert L.	35259315
Miezgowski, David T.	35326138
Zito, Louis.	32246411
Edwards, Franklin W.	39225164
Nelson, Peter F.	37150219
Angelo, Peter.	39836792
Bales, Thomas H.	36327222
Boydston, Virgil T.	39837076
Youngblood, Verner L.	7083916

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1000	--	0130		2330	--	1400
1130	--	0200		2400	--	1430
1200	--	0230		0030	--	1500
1230	--	0300		0100	--	1530
1300	--	0330		0130	--	1600
1330	--	0400		0200	--	1630
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ROSTER OF ORGANIZATION

Commanding Officer
Maj. Earl J. Cooper

CAPTAINS:

Deasy, John J.	(Flying Officer)
Peairs, William J.	(Ground Officer)
Pittendreigh, William J.	(Ground Officer)
Scholar, Leslie H.	(Flying Officer)
Stay, Jessie E.	(Flying Officer)
Storm, Alf H.	(Flying Officer)
Terhune, Claude M.	(Flying Officer)
Watkins, John W.	(Flight Surgeon)

FIRST LIEUTENANTS:

Angel, Frank Jr.	(Flying Officer)
Bloch, Donald S.	(Flying Officer)
Boone, Arthur T.	(Flying Officer)
Brown, Robert L.	(Flying Officer)
Bunn, Charles I.	(Ground Officer)
Bundy, John C.	(Ground Officer)
Catanzarite, Sam L.	(Flying Officer)
Churchill, Jordan M.	(Flying Officer)
Cohn, Martin B.	(Ground Officer)
Gall, Joseph A.	(Flying Officer)
Goodin, Maurice E.	(Ground Officer)
Kerr, Robert G.	(Flying Officer)
Kreuser, James S.	(Ground Officer)
Krey, John W.	(Ground Officer)
Kroh, Phillip H.	(Flying Officer)
Lippman, Richard W.	(Ground Officer)
Maloney, John L.	(Ground Officer)
Ortiz, Ralph P.	(Flying Officer)
Rahaley, Henry P.	(Ground Officer)
Sands, Warren H.	(Flying Officer)
Sanders, Joseph E.	(Ground Officer)
Schmidt, Walter C.	(Flying Officer)
Scott, James E.	(Flying Officer)
Smith, George W.	(Flying Officer)

3) SECOND LIEUTENANTS:

Baber, William H.	(Flying Officer)
Baker, Robert S.	(Flying Officer)
Ball, Randolph H.	(Flying Officer)

Barnes, Wendell W.	(Flying Officer)
Barwick, William H.	(Flying Officer)
Bean, Robert S.	(Flying Officer)
Becker, Robert F.	(Flying Officer)
Buffington, George P.	(Flying Officer)
Burke, Joseph H.	(Flying Officer)
Busyczak, Michael	(Flying Officer)
Caston, Charles	(Flying Officer)
Dechert, George R.	(Flying Officer)
Friedrich, Vincent J.	(Flying Officer)
Koons, James D.	(Flying Officer)
Kotch, Frank A.	(Flying Officer)
Leeman, Paul B.	(Flying Officer)
Lowry, John E.	(Flying Officer)
Martin, Kenneth K.	(Flying Officer)
Mortenson, Carl A.	(Flying Officer)
Peterson, Robert A.	(Flying Officer)
Phelan, William D. Jr.	(Flying Officer)
Pratte, Charles F. Jr.	(Flying Officer)
Pulliam, Harold K.	(Flying Officer)
Reale, Thomas D.	(Flying Officer)
Rowe, William P. Jr.	(Flying Officer)
Roy, William G.	(Flying Officer)
Schroeder, John R.	(Flying Officer)
Spence, Reginald O.	(Flying Officer)
Thrasher, James W.	(Flying Officer)
Tyrrell, Charles F.	(Flying Officer)
Weiss, Benjamin I.	(Flying Officer)

FLIGHT OFFICERS:

Chalfant, Dale C.	(Flying Officer)
Odom, Stanley C.	(Flying Officer)

WARRANT OFFICERS:

Baker, Gordon (Chief)	(Ground Officer)
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1st Sergeant
Paul X. Babbington

MASTER SERGEANTS:

Beitler, Henry C. Jr.
Hendricks, Arthur J.
Hill, William C.
Hollis, Robert W.
Kern, Lyle C.
Kirkpatrick, Charles F.
Mack, Joseph
Meeks, John D.
Morgan, Leith C.
Schnell, Charles E.
Slate, Henry C.

TECHNICAL SERGEANTS:

Ambur, Arvid B.
Baer, Clinton D.
Barger, Leslie W.
Bogdon, Charles
Dickerson, Gilbert C.
Durden, John T.
Fones, Guy P.
Gearon, Roy T.
Hastings, Elgie C. Jr.
Hogan, William T.
Hotz, Kenneth L.
Isaacs, Lee R.
James, Charles D.
Marcinko, John J.
McCall, Albert C. Jr.
Price, George W.
Rosenberg, Hyman P.
Roth, Phillip
Scearce, Lester H. Jr.
Slawsky, John
Smith, Earl W.
Snodgrass, Eugene L.
Sopko, Clarence T.
St. Clair, Eugene W.
Tyrrell, Vern H.
Walbeck, Ralph J.
Wyckoff, Thomas W.
Yankus, John C.

O'Brien, Howard J. (Patient in Hospital
APO 953)
Pierog, Frank P. (Patient in Hospital
USA)

STAFF SERGEANTS:

Anderson, Carl J.
Ball, James F.
Blackmore, James W.
Bobson, Edmund S.
Bracewell, Harold W.
Brannan, Otto G.
Bryant, Raymond P.
Buckles, David L.
Burgess, Robert P.
Conley, Earl W.
Crawford, John C. Jr.
Dell, Carl N.
DeRocher, Earl J.
Ell, Bernard M.
Findle, William C.
Ford, Henry E.
Fronheiser, Paul M.
Fuller, James L.
Geishirt, Kenneth W.
Harris, Elmer L.
Heidenreich, Norman W.
Hermanson, Thomas B.
Hess, Edward F.
Hudman, Jesse H.
Jackson, Howard L.
Johnson, Elmer W.
Jurgensmier, Paul E.
Kessler, Gerald F.
Larkin, Joseph A.
Lipe, Robert E.
Little, Willie T.
Love, Henry C.
Mashaw, William H.
Mattingly, Joseph C.
Miller, Delbert W.
Moore, Charles O.
Morgan, Don F.
Moulton, Roy D.
Nielson, Earl D.
Ogden, Robert W.
Paradise, Arnold J.

Read, Theodore P. Jr.
Rich, Nelson V.
Roberts, Dwight V.
Schonau, Roy H.
Shaulinski, Edward W.
Siskin, David M.
Smith, Henry P.
Storts, Robert B.
Wagner, Marlin E. Jr.
Webb, Oliver J.
Welch, James K.
Wolf, Harold R.

SERGEANTS:

Adams, John V.
Allard, Joseph A.
Arone, Vincent J.
Bair, Herbert P.
Bales, Thomas H.
Barnaud, Ernest E.
Bashline, Edward W.
Bednar, Daniel G.
Bernard, Wilbur L.
Bowen, Joseph S.
Boyd, Wade J.
Clarke, Norman A.
Conrad, Jonathan J.
Dooley, Earl J.
Duffy, Thomas A.
Dutcher, Alva J.
Ellis, Robert L.
Ellis, William F.
Facilla, Carle A.
Farrell, William J.
Freeman, Prince G.
Freundschuh, Gilbert A.
Garbarczyk, John W.
Garner, Johnnie H.
Giller, David L.
Gilleran, Robert T.
Grisez, Richard J.
Gurney, James L.
Harris, John J.
Hesterberg, Edward J.
Karpinski, Frank W.
Keyes, Harry W.
Kovalsky, Alex

Macheel, James J.
Maloney, Arthur T.
Meritz, William L.
Merrigan, Francis T.
Merritt, William C.
Mills, Gerald E.
Nilsson, Johan M.
O'Donnell, Burton E.
Perea, Henry
Poffenbarger, Wade F.
Rayburn, Okla W.
Reynolds, Richard N.
Rutland, Ross E.
Slavitt, Sydney
Sparks, Leo L.
Starr, Edwin
Sutherland, William D.
Tanner, Henry E. Jr.
Thompson, Robert H.
Todisco, Generoso P.
Trojonowski, John S.
Vassi, Stephen M.
Videtich, Adolph
Warner, Edward J.
Wills, Robert L.

CORPORALS:

Augustine, Frank J.
Barth, Louis E.
Barton, Harford W.
Beiring, Edward J.
Berry, Vernon C.
Blanchard, George E.
Bock, Harold W.
Bowlen, Essie H. Jr.
Boyastun, Virgil T.
Carlson, Robert B.
Clark, Sanford H.
Coats, Warren L.
Cook, William J.
Cox, Charles A.
Crane, James W.
Cuffman, John D.
Edmiston, Norman L.
Eshleman, Marshall C.
Evers, James D.

Ferber, Lyle W.
Fox, Ewell A.
Freese, Rex C.
Gattenby, D.G. Jr.
Gilchrist, Creighton C.
Grasl, Joseph N.
Griffin, Leroy D.
Haggard, John A.
Haig, Clarence W.
Hall, William C.
Hamilton, William H.
Hancock, Scott K.
Hayden, Merle C.
Helfant, Joseph
Hersh, Alexander S.
HOGG, Thomas A.
Hudman, Lloyd H.
Hutman, George
Jackson, John R.
Jenkins, George L.
Johnson, Harold W.
Johnson, Raymond V.
Jones, Harold L.
Katz, Paul
Kearney, James E.
Kefalas, John H.
Kernyat, Anthony R.
Kerr, Herbert T.
Knight, Delbert L.
Kopulsky, Ben
Lamb, John E.
Larmour, Robert W.
MacDonald, Gordon
Marston, Albert G.
Mask, Raymond E.
Mercer, Floyd N.
Mullaney, Walter J.
Murtomaki, John H.
McGirt, Rudolph M.
McKenney, Don C.
McVay, Thomas W.
Nelms, Hoke S.
Paris, Otis F.
Pearce, Andrew W.
Pfledderer, Adam R.
Phillips, William H.

Questad, James C.
Riley, Gerald E.
Roberts, Jack D.
Rosenthal, Milton L.
Saas, Robert H.
Sanford, Howard E.
Schafier, Charles V.
Scheuerman, William P. Jr.
Schnepl, Ralph M.
Shafier, George J.
Smith, Hubert D.
Smith, Joseph L.
Snider, Richard G.
Stafford, David E.
Stockman, Charles E.
Stoudt, George W.
Straight, Verl H.
Sussman, Marvin C.
Szabo, Joseph
Tippens, Clark B. Jr.
Tobin, Joseph
Treater, Patsy A.
Waldmann, Hermann A.
Walker, Stanley M. Jr.
Warner, William H.
Wiley, James R.
Williams, Early J.
Wombie, Samuel L.
Yastremski, Peter P.

PRIVATES, FIRST CLASS:

Anderson, Roy J.
Augusta, John J.
Buffalino, Sylvio F.
Burks, Ester E.
Childress, Horace L.
Collier, James R.
Collins, Hersch R.
Dove, Louis H.
Freeman, Benjamin R.
Glavaris, William J.
Gray, Robert L.
Harper, Ralph E.
Hartline, James L.
Harwood, James G.
Holcomb, Sennett G.
Hughes, Thomas J.

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Johnson, Thomas E.
Kelley, James R.
Kennedy, Jack D.
Kerlin, Martin E.
Livingston, Addison H.
Lopez, Raymond F.
Lacedo, Joseph A.
Martinez, Oscar
Medbery, Donald L.
Meehan, Patrick
Mintie, Stuart L.
Moore, Jack H.
Peer, H. (only) C.
Perla, Settimio A.
Rolph, John F. Jr.
Rothenberg, Hymar.
Rowe, Marion A.
Szymusiak, Leonard J.
Wells, Carlin E.

PRIVATES:

Anthony, Clifford B.
Archer, Lanceford
Arndt, John
Atherton, Clyde L.
Bass, Edwin G.
Beattie, Ralph H.
Bibeau, Leopold H.
Biekert, Donald E.
Blake, Alvin C.
Blake, Wallace A. Jr.
Brechtel, Charles R.
Brown, Elmer F.
Camp, James W.
Carroll, Durward W.
Collins, Edward J.
Crothers, Kenneth T.
Crump, James S.
Cunio, Joseph F. Jr.
Darby, Charles F.
Derleth, Arthur J.
Dumres, Gordon F.
Drum, Richard A. Jr.
Dunbar, Richard T.

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Durgan, Roy M.
Elder, Delphus R.
Emig, Charles J.
Faltenbacher, Edward J. Jr.
Flaherty, George
Forbes, Robert A.
Fortson, Joe E.
Foux, Hilton
Furey, Earl R.
Gase, Harold J.
Gobeille, James D. Jr.
Goldman, Joseph C.
Goodbar, Harold V.
Gozzo, Joseph L.
Gross, Kenneth S.
Holman, Melburn E.
Hunt, Freed K.
Hyatt, William H.
Hyson, Joseph R.
Jakubowski, Melvin
Johnson, Harold S.
Jones, Joe C.
Kaminski, Edward W.
Kieffer, Nicholas C. Jr.
Kracht, John C.
Lantrip, Carlos O.
LeBow, Robert L.
Leuford, James D.
Ludi, Benjamin
Mac Isaac, John A.
Magdole, Oscar R.
Martin, John A.
Miller, Frank E. Jr.
Miller, Ralph R. Jr.
Moore, Merl L.
Moran, Joseph T.
Moubray, Thomas D.
Huise, Alfred H.
Neff, Herbert K.
Nielson, Leroy
Novotny, Anthony R.
Orton, Jazz
Pastore, Anthony L.
Patterson, Robert L.
Perez, Miguel
Raso, Henry E.

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Raya, Albert P.
Richards, John I.
Rose, Edward C.
Sanders, Harold W.
Savano, Vincent
Shadbolt, Harold E.
Simpson, Robert
Sirman, John M.
Smith, Benedict G.
Smith, Carol C.
Smith, Joseph M.
Soetaert, Charles J.
Spratt, Robert W.
Stickney, Carson S.
Stinnett, Claborine H.
Streitmatter, Richard R.
Stulginskis, John A.
Suggs, Arthur C.
Thompson, Walter P.
Wilson, Richard R.
Woodell, Carl W.
Worten, Jesse J. Jr.
Wright, Earl W.

May 20, 1943 marked the beginning of operations for the 42nd after replacements were made for the original men who went down under July 18, 1942 and ceased operations February 7, 1943.

TIME USED: Greenwich Civil Time
20 May 1943

Ship #838, Lt. Schmidt,
Ship #143, Lt. Phillips,
Ship #219, Lt. Sands, Mission: Ferry.
Ship #073, Lt. Cason, These ships took-off from Kualoa
at 1600 for Kahuku (APO 964) to operate from 431st Bomb. Sq.
Kualoa runway closed as of this date until further orders.

21 May 1943

Ship #143, Lt. Sands,
T. O. 2000. Out 550 N. M.
Mission: Sea Search, Standard "Y". Sector 330°-338°
Contacts: None. Landed: 0330.

22 May 1943

Ship #219, Lt. Cason,
T. O. 1555. Out 700 N. M.
Mission: Sea Search, Standard "Y". Sector 337.5°-345°
Contacts: None. Landed: 0230.

23 May 1943

Ship #073, Lt. Cason to Kualoa 0355. (Kualoa Runway opened)
Ship #219, Lt. Sands to Kualoa 0500 (for traffic this date.)
Ship #838, Lt. Schmidt to Kualoa.
Ship #143, Lt. Phillips to Kualoa.

24 May 1943

Ship #968, Lt. Storm, T. O. 1710. Landed 0310.
Ship #983, Lt. Scholar, T.O. 1723. Landed 0240.
Mission: Sea Search, Standard "Y".
Contacts: None.

25 May 1943

Ship #110, Lt. Phillips, T.O. 1605. Landed 0200.
Sector 307.5°-315° Out 740 N.M.
Ship #214, Lt. Deasy, T.O. 1640. Landed 0200
Sector 322.5°-330° Out 740 N. M.
Ship #073, Lt. Schmidt, T.O. 1600. Landed 0215.
Sector 315°-322.5° Out 700 N. M.
Mission: Sea Search, Standard "Y".
Contacts: None.

26 May 1943

Ship #216, Lt. Gall, 2230. Landed 0245.
Mission: Training (Strange Field Landings at Kahuku, Hickam,
Wheeler and Mokuiaia.

26 May Cont'd.

Ship #073, Lt. Cason, T.O. 1830. Landed 2140.
 Mission: Training (Practice Bombing). Left Oahu 1846.
 Arrived range 1941. Left range 2020. Arrived
 Oahu 2114. Made 7 runs: 3 dry, 3 single re-
 leases, 1 triple. Four pictures.
 Target: Niihau "W".

Ship #983, Lt. Scholer, T.O. 1830. Landed 2125. 10 runs;
 4 dry.
 Target: Niihau "S". The rest same as 073 above.

Ship #110, Lt. Storm, T.O. 1830. Landed 2125. 11 runs;
 5 dry.
 Target: Niihau "S". The rest same as 073 above.

27 May 1943

Ship #216, Lt. Gall, T.O. 1613, Landed 0430.
 Sector: 295-302.5. Out 683 N. E.
 Ship #676, Lt. Smith, T.O. 1600, Landed 0430.
 Sector: 310-316.5. Out 770 N. E.
 Ship #073, Lt. Cason, T.O. 1600. Landed 0250.
 Sector: 302.5-310. Out 750 N. E.
 Mission: Sea Search, Standard "Y".
 Contacts: None.

Ship #219, Lt. Phillips, T.O. 1830.
 Ship #983, Lt. Deasy, T.O. 1830.
 Mission: Special. Destination: Palmyra.
 Distance: 800 N. E.
 Results: Lt. Phillips with airplane and crew reported
 missing (by Bomber Command) at approximately
 0430.
 Lt. Deasy reached Palmyra. No further
 reports on mission received this date.

28 May 1943

Ship #838, Lt. Schmidt,
 T.O. 1850
 Mission: Training (Practice Bombing)
 Range: Niihau "W". Load: 6-500#.
 Weather over target was cloudy. # 4 runs;
 2 dry. 1 single, 5 in train. Left Oahu
 1850. Arrived range 1940. Left range 2110.
 arrived Oahu 2155. No Pictures.
 LANDED: 2155.

29 May 1943

Ship #216, Lt. Gall, T.O. 1613. Landed 0400.
 Sector: 315-322.5° Out 760 N. M.
 Ship #676, Lt. Storm, T.O. 1600. Landed 0230.
 Vector: 322.5-330° Out 750 N. M.
 Mission: Sea Search Standard "Y".
 Contacts: None.

30 May 1943

Ship #110, Lt. Cason, T.O. 1740. Landed 0310.
 Sector: 203-210° Out 602 N. M.
 Mission: Sea Search, Standard "Y".
 Contacts: None.

Ship #676, Lt. Smith, T.O. 1745. Landed 0345.
 Sector: 210-216° Out 595 N. M.
 Mission: Sea Search, Standard "Y".
 Contacts: At 20°40'--158°50' the crew saw an object partially submerged, which looked like a floating ration box--type usually carried in aircraft. The plane circled the spot for fifteen (15) minutes, but Pilot could not be sure as to the identity of the object. The object appeared to be yellow like the life rafts and Mae West's (Life Preservers).

Approximately fifty (50) miles out at bearing 210°(T) off Barbers Point, the crew saw a quantity of floating debris, all yellow in color. Debris consisted of small rectangular shaped boxes or packages. A number of large fish were also observed in the vicinity.

Ship #214, Lt. Schmidt, T.O. 1800. Landed 0345.
 Sector: 198-204° Out 600 N. M.
 Mission: Sea Search, Standard "Y".
 Contacts: None.

31 May 1943

Ship #676, Lt. Gall, T.O. 1604. Landed 0345.
 Sector: 330-337.5° Out 780 N. M.
 Mission: Sea Search, Standard "Y".
 Contacts: At 0255, Island sighted by aircraft LV4 (#676), at which time course of aircraft was 153°(T). At this time navigator ceased to navigate by instruments and took up pilotage. Continuing on this approximate course, the periscope of a SS was sighted by the Bombardier through the right waist window. He called the Assistant Engineer and picked up head phones to call the Pilot. The Assistant Engineer saw the periscope and about two to three feet of the Conning Tower. The Pilot made a turn, after which the SS was not seen again. Due to lack of movement, the course or speed of the SS.

31 May Cont'd.

could not be determined. The altitude was 1200 feet and the

location of the SS was 27 miles off Kaena Point on a true bearing of 304°. Visibility toward SS was poor and sea choppy. Crew did not radio in due to proximity to shore and also because after the turn to circle, a naval patrol boat was observed in the immediate vicinity.

Ship #214, Lt. Scholar,
Ship #110, Lt. Storm,
T. O. 1805.

Mission: Training (Simulated attack on naval force)
Contacts: Had rendezvous with six (6 AC, two (2) flights (B-24's) at Koko Head at 9853, altitude 1300 feet. Climbed to 10000 feet directly on course 142 degrees (T). Enemy formation--one (1) CV (Aircraft Carrier), one (CA) (Heavy Cruiser), six (6) DD (Destroyers) sight at 1850. AC course 142°(T) with enemy bearing 40°(T), distance 98 miles, speed approximately 20 knots. Aircraft approached approximately 222°, speed one hundred-seventy (170) indicated, altitude 10000 feet indicated. One bomb run at 10000 feet. Simulated bombs dropped in train. No direct hits. Several near hits. No AA. Formation broke up over Pearl Harbor. Several near hits. Minor damage.

Landed: #214 at 1947. #110 at 1951.

1 June 1943

Ship #214, Lt. Schmidt,
Ship #110, Lt. Cason, Bombardier Rowsell.
Ship #216, Lt. Smith, Bombardier Pagonis.
Mission: Training (Practice Bombing) (6-100#)
Target: Hihau "W".
T. O. : 1835.
Contacts: No photos taken.
Landed: 2155.

2 June 1943

Ship #216, Lt. Boyd, (New training crew) T.O. 1600.
Sector: 332.5°-340° Out 660 N. M.
Ship #838, Lt. Schmidt, T.O. 1602.
Sector: 340°-347° Out 235 N. M.
Ship #214, Lt. Cason, T.O. 1619. 347.5°-335° Out 650 N. M.
Mission: Sea Search, Standard "Y"
Contacts: None. 3-500# bombs salvaged from #214 to maintain flying speed.
Landed: #216 at 0102. #838 at 0155. #214 at 0205.

Ship # 073 Lt. Scholar, Ship #676, Lt. Smith, Ship # 110,
Lt. Storm,
T. O. 0503.
Mission: Photo.
Landed: 0900.

3 June 1943

Ship #216, Lt. Gall,
T.O. 2256.

Mission: Training (Practice bombing, Niihau "W") (6-100#)
Contacts: Six (6) runs, six (6) single releases.
Landed: 0300.

Ship #073, Lt. Casor,
T.O. From Kualoa 1640. From Hilo 0230.
Mission: Supplies.
Landed: At Hilo 1915. At Kualoa 0415.

Ship #676, Lt. Smith,
T.O. 0205.
Mission: Training (Transition).
Landed: 0317.

4 June 1943

Ship #676, Lt. Smith, T.O. 1556. Landed 0335.
Sector: 330°-337.5° Out 780 N. M.
Ship #216, Lt. Gall, T.O. 1600. Landed 0250.
Sector: 322.5°-330° Out 740 N. M.
Ship #073, Lt. Storm, T.O. 1610. Landed 0300.
Sector: 315°-322.5° Out 760 N. M.
Mission: Sea Search, Standard "Y".
Contacts: None.

Ship #838, Lt. Schmidt,
Ship #110, Lt. Gall,
T.O. 2300 (6-100#).
Mission: Training (Practice bombing, Niihau "W")
Landed: 0200.

5 June 1943

Ship #676, Lt. Boyd,
Ship #073, Lt. Scholar,
Ship #838, Lt. Schmidt, Bombardier--Leeman.
T.O. 1830.
Mission: Training (Practice bombing Niihau "W") (6-100#)
Contacts: 5 releases, 4 single 1 (2 bombs in train)
Landed: #676 at 2154. #073 at 2140. #838 at 2154.

Ship #983, Lt. Schmidt, C.P. Lt. Thompson, L. E.
T.O. 0009.
Mission: Training (Transition landings)
Result: Took Lt. Boyd and crew to Hickam to pick up new
ship #689.
Landed: 0250.

5 June 1943

~~Ship #216, Lt. Gall,
#19.~~

5 June Cont'd.

Ship #689, Lt. Boyd,
a new ship just assigned. Ferried from Hickam.
Landed: 0305.

Ship #676, Lt. Smith,
Ship #073, Lt. Scholar,
T.O. 0548.

Mission: Training (Photo Mission--Niuhau)
Results: First run at 8000 feet, #676 dropped on flare.
camera in #676 did not react. Camera in #073 clicked but neg-
ative did not come out. Second run 8000 feet. #676 dropped one f
flare. Camera in #676 did not react. Camera in #073 tripped--
w/resulting photo. Third run 12000 feet. #073 dropped two (2) #
single flares. Camera did not react on either flare.

6 June 1943

Ship #073, Lt. Deasy, T.O. 2300. Landed 0135.
Ship #21y, Lt. Storm, T.O. 2324. Landed 0223.
Ship #838, Lt. Schmidt, T.O. 2301. Landed 0221.
Mission: Training (Practice bombing, Niuhau "Y")
Results: #216 3 dry runs, no releases. Bomb release hung.
#838 6 runs, 6 single releases. #073 same as #838.

Ship #676, Lt. Boyd, T.O. 1600. Landed 0315.
Sector: 312.5-320.0 Out 770 N. M. 300 rounds ammo. expended
for practice purposes.
Ship #983, Lt. Gall, T.O. 1600. Landed 0300.
Sector: 305-312.5. Out 750 N. M. 200 rounds ammo. expended
for practice purposes.
Mission: Sea Search, Standard "Y".
Contacts: None.

Ship #42-40219, Lieutenant Russell A. Phillips and crew were
officially dropped from the roll this date. They were lost
in action on May 27, 1943.

THE ROLL CALL

Pilot--First Lieutenant Russell A. Phillips,
Co-Pilot--First Lieutenant Charles H. Cupernell,
Navigator--First Lieutenant Robert H. Mitchell,
Comardier First Lieutenant Lou S. Zamperini,

Engineer--Corporal Michael J. Walsh, 13056672. No widow or
dependent children. Nearest relative: Mother, Mary Walsh, 440
Putman St., Scranton Pennsylvania. Date of enlistment: April
11, 1942. Completed one (1) year, one (1) month and nineteen
(19) days.

6 June Cont'D.

Assistant Engineer-- Staff Sergeant Jay S. Hansen, 18045149,
No widow or dependent children. Nearest relative: Mother,
Ellen Hansen, Pocatello, Idaho. Sol Hansen, Father, same
address as Mother. Enlisted January 7, 1942. Completed
one (1) year, four (4) months and twenty-three (23) days.

Radio Operator--Staff Sergeant Frank (MMI) Glassman,
36328580, No widow or dependent children. Nearest relative:
Mother, Sadie Glassman, 5011-N. Kedzie Avenue, Chicago,
Illinois. Brother, Max Glassman, same address as mother.
Inducted April 6, 1942. Completed one (1) year, one (1)
month and twenty-four (24) days.

Assistant Radio Operator--Private Leslie A. Deane, 17056966,
No widow or dependent children. Nearest relative: Father,
Albert Johnson Deane, Route #1, Baldwin, Kansas. Mother,
Lable Elizabeth Deane, same address as father. Enlisted
April 7, 1942. Completed one (1) year, one (1) month, and
twenty-three days.

Armorer Gunner--Sergeant Otto (MMI) Anderson, 36246343,
No widow or dependent children. Nearest relative: Mother,
Mary Anna Lee, 16 South Lake St., Madison, Wisconsin. Sister,
Dehlia Robinson, 1570 Williamson Street, Madison, Wisconsin.
Father, David Anderson, same address as sister.

Gunner--Sergeant Francis P. McNamara, 15100716, Nearest
relative: Father, Peter McNamara, 2605 Jay Avenue, Cleveland,
Ohio. Aunt, Alice Crotty, 26 Hancock Place, New York City,
New York. Enlisted March 19, 1942. Completed one (1) year,
two (2) months and eleven (11) days.

7 June 1943

Ship #110, Lt. Storm, Bombardier-Tyrrell.
Ship #983, Lt. Scholar, Bombardier-Ortiz.
Ship #676, Lt. Smith, Bombardier-Pangonis.
T.O. 0526.

Mission: Photo. (Training)
Range: Niuhau & Kauai.
Altitude: 8000 to 10000 feet.
Landed: 0650.

Ship #073, Lt. Deasy, T.O. 1920. Landed 2113.
Ship #838, Lt. Schmidt, T.O. 1916. Landed 2108.
Mission: Training (Strange Field Landings).

Ship #676, Lt. Smith,
T.O. 1825.
Mission: A.F. C. E. Check.
Landed: 2053.

8 June 1945

Ship #238, Lt. Schmidt, T.O. 1545. Landed 0200.
Sector: 312.5°-320° Out 700 N. M.
Ship #073, Lt. Gray, T.O. 1540. Landed 0300.
Sector: 320°-327.5° Out 750 N. M.
Ship #219, Lt. Deasy, T.O. 1555. Landed 0150.
Sector 305°-312.5° Out 750 N. M.
Mission: Sea Search, Standard "Y".
Contacts: None.

Ship #689, Lt. Gall,
T.O. 2233.
Mission: Training (Instrument on Hickam Beam)
Results: Flew on South and West legs. Out thirty-five miles.

Ship #110, Lt. Boyd,
T.O. 1745.
Mission: Ferry (To Bellows Field for repairs)
Landed: At Bellows 1803.

Ship #689, Lt. Scholar,
T.O. 1940.
Mission: Test Flight.
Results: Landed at Bellows to pick-up Lt. Boyd & crew.
Landed: at Kualoa 2100.

9 June 1945

Ship #838, Lt. Storm,
T.O. # 1920.
Mission: Training (Instrument on Hickam Beam)
Results: Flew on south and west legs. Out forty (40) miles.
Landed: 2115.

Ship #676, Lt. Smith,
T.O. 2227.
Mission: Training (Instrument on Hickam Beam)
Results: Flew on south and west legs. Out forty (40) miles.
Landed: 0127.

Ship #216, Lt. Gall,
T. O. 2233.
Mission: Training (Practice bombing--Kahoolawe. 10-100#)
Landed: 0140.

Ship #073, Lt. Scholar, C.P. Terhune,
T.O. 0018.
Mission: Flight to Hickam to pick up cameras.
Landed: At home 0211.

#073, Lt. Gall, T.O. ~~1545~~. 1555. Landed 0305.
Mission: Sea Search, Standard "Y".
Sector 315°-322.5° Out 850 N. M.
Contacts: None.

10 June 1943

#073, Lt. Ga,
T. O. 1555.

Mission: Sea Search, Standard "Y". Sector 315⁰-322.5⁰
Out 750 N. M.

Contacts: None.
Landed: 0305.

Sea Search to Johnston Island Cancelled.

#689 to H.A.D. for modification.

#838, Lt. Scholar, #073, Lt. Storm, #676, Lt. Smith,
T.O. ~~###~~ 0526.

Mission: Photo (Barking Sands)
Landed: 0722.

11 June 1943

#983, Lt. Stay,
T.O. 1559.

Mission: Sea Search, Standard "Y". Sector 312.5⁰-320⁰
Out 750 N. M.

Contacts: None.
Landed: 0301.

#838, Lt. Schmidt,
T.O. 1600.

Mission: Sea Search to Johnston Island. Sector 243⁰-247⁰.

Contacts: None.
Landed: At Johnston Island, 2200.

#676, Lt. Deasy, T.O. 1830.

Mission: Training (Bombing--Kahoolawe. 10-100⁰)
Landed: 2115.

#143, Lt. Scholar,
T.O. 2246.

Mission: Training (Transition Landings)
Landed: 0015.

#676, Lt. Storm,
T.O. 2253.

Mission: Training (Transition Landings)
Landed: 0215.

12 June 1943

#838, Lt. Schmidt,
T.O. 1200.

Mission: Sea Search from Johnston Island.

Sector on Oahu 247⁰-251⁰.
Landed: At Kualoa 1655.

12 June Cont'd.

#143, Lt. Boyd, T.O. 1602. Landed 0230.
Sector 347.5-355. Out 700 N. E.
#073, Lt. Deasy, T.C. 1549. Landed 0200.
Sector 340-347.5. Out 750 N. E.
Mission: Sea Search, Standard "Y".
Contacts: None.

#983, Lt. Smith,
T. O. 0055.
Mission: Test Flight.
Landed: 0147.

#676, Capt. Cooper,
T.O. 0525.
Mission: Training (Photo--Barking Sands)
Landed: 0740.

13 June 1943

#676, Lt. Stay,
T.C. 1810.
Mission: Training (Practice bombing--Kahoolawe.
Landed: 2047.

Lt. Stay & crew; and Lt. Gall & crew attached to 26th on V75.

Ship #983, Lt. Carey, C.F. Thompson, L. E.
T. O. 2318.
Mission: Training (Transition Landings).
Landed: 0230.

#216, Lt. Smith,
T.O. 0243.
Mission: Test Flight.
Landed: 0425.

14 June 1943

#143, Lt. Scholar, T.O. 1726.
#073, Lt. Storn, T.O. 1727.
Mission: Special (To Canton).
Landed: At Canton 0400.

#216, Lt. Smith,
Attempted to take-off at 0758.
Results: This ship a B-24D type airplane No. 42-40216, piloted by First Lieutenant George W. Smith ASN Q-374301 was the third ship in the three ship formation taking off on special mission. The first two ships cleared the runway and were circling the field in the traffic pattern. #216 was over half way down the take-off strip. The weight had been lifted from the nose wheel and from the apparent speed and distance was almost in flight when suddenly the plane dropped forward at which time the nose wheel collapsed.

14 June Cont'd.

There was no decrease in R.P.M., and manifold pressure setting. From this point the plane slid on its nose, with the landing gear ~~not~~ fully operative, in the direction of take-off veering off to the right of metal landing strip. At a point 500 ft. from where the nose wheel collapsed. The plane continued sliding on its nose, and landing gear, finally ~~finally~~ finally breaking down the fence on the east boundary of the field, coming to rest with its landing gear in a small ditch and the nose extending onto the highway 2 to 4 feet.

The crash trucks and ambulance arrived at the plane by the time it stopped sliding. No's 1, 2 & 3 engines were on fire. The fires were immediately extinguished by the fire truck. The propellor from no. 3 engine was lying under the right wing. The propellers from engines 1 and 2 were hurled 20 and 40 yards respectively across the road and into the Base Officers Housing Area. The engine nose sections of 1, 2 & 3 engines were completely torn from the engines ~~were completely torn from the engines.~~ No. 4 engine & prop remained intact and was still running after the fire was ~~extinguished~~ extinguished in No's 1 & 2 engines. The tips of no. 4 prop were bent back about 2 inches. All the crew members and passengers were immediately taken to the Dispensary for examination. Those needing hospitalization were taken to 204th General Hospital.

CREW, PASSENGERS AND INJURIES SUSTAINED

Hosp. Smith--Fractured wrist, ~~not~~
 Morrison--Mild contusion of Right hand
~~Rothenberg~~ Rothenberg--General body contusions.
 Pangonis--Fractured Arm.
 Wyckoff--No Injury.
 Smith, B. G.--Mild Contusion above knee.
 Kefalas--No Injury.
 Smith, H. B.--Abrasion above right knee.
 Findle--Abrasion above right knee.
 Peairs, W.L., Capt.--No Injury.

15 June 1943

Ship #676, Lt. Gall,
 T.O. 1730.
 Mission: Ferry ship to H.A.D. for modification.
 Results: Dropped Lt. Deasy & crew at Wheeler to pick-up
 Ship #149 which had been undergoing a complete
 repair.
 Landed: At Wheeler 1830.

15 June Cont'd.

#149, Lt. Dea:
T.O. From Wheeler
Mission: Ferry--From Wheeler to Kualoa.
Landed: 2141.

Ship #214, Lt. Stay,
T.O. 0430. Mission: Night Landings.
Landed: 0632.

(Capt Peairs, S-2 Officer, picked up Ship #079 at 431st. AP)
(taken to Wheeler by skeleton crew.) (This #079 was on the 14th)

Ship #079, Lt. Houchins, (25th, Wheeler), With Capt. Peairs.
T. O. 1530.
Landed: At Canton 0200.

Ship #073, Lt. Storm,
Ship #143, Lt. Scholar,
T.O. From Canton 2000.
Landed: At Wallis 0030.

16 June 1943

Ship #214, Lt. Gall,
T.O. 1605.
Mission: Sea Search, Standard "Y". Sector: 337.5°-345°
Contacts: None. Out 780 N. M.
Landed: 0345.

Ship #688, Lt. Thompson, R. S. landed at 2010. A new crew
fresh from the mainland.

No Missions for #079, #143 & #073.

17 June 1943

Ship #214, Lt. Boyd,
T.O. 1605.
Mission: Sea Search, Standard "Y". Sector. 339.5°-347°. 2V4
Contacts: None. Out 750 N. M.
Landed: 0316.

~~Ship #688, Lt. Thompson,
T.O. 1605.
Landed: 0316.~~ Ship #149, Lt. Deasy,
T.O. 0217.
Landed: 0235.

#079, Lt. Houchins,
T.O. From Canton at 1900.
Landed: At Funafuti 2300.

Ship #073, Lt. Storm, Ship #143, Lt. Scholar,
T.O. From Wallis 1900.
Landed: At Funafuti, 2130.

17 June 1943 Cont'd.

This Squadron was to perform a night photo mission of Melli Island at which time the 99th was to bomb Tarawa and the 26th was to conduct photo reconnaissance of Jaluit.

Ship # 073, Lt. Storm, Ship #143, Lt. Scholar, 079 Lt. Houchins
T.O. 0400.

Results: Successfully completed the photo mission.
Contacts: None. AA was very slight and inaccurate.
Landed: At Funafuti 1700.

18 June 1943

Ship #073, Lt. Storm,
Ship #143, Lt. Scholar,
Ship #079, Lt. Houchins,
T.O. From Funafuti 2400.
Landed: At Wallis 0230.

Ship #214, Lt. Stay,
T.O. 1555.
Mission: Sea Search, Standard "Y", Sector 330°-337.5°
Contacts: None. Out 750 N. E.
Landed: 0250.

Ship #688, Lt. Deasy,
T.O. 0030.
Landed: 0051.

19 June 1943

Ship #214, Lt. Thompson, R. S.,
T. O. 1615.
Mission: Sea Search, Standard "Y", Sector 335.5°-343°
Contacts: None. Out 750 N. E.
Landed: 0420.

Ship #149, Lt. Gall,
T.O. 1710.
Mission: Ferry to Bellows Field for modification.
Landed: At Bellows 1725.

Ship #689, Lt. Deasy,
T.O. 1714.
Mission: Ferry to H.A.D. for modification.

No mission for ships at Wallis. Remained on ground.

20 June 1943

Ship #689, Lt. Deasy, C.P. O'Hara,
T.O. 1820.
Mission: Training (Strange Field Landings).
Landed: 2050.

20 June 1943 Cont'd

Ship #689, Lt. Stay,
T.O. 2354.
Mission: Training (Instrument on Hickam Beam) South & West legs.
Landed: 0240.

Ship #073, Lt. Storm,
Ship #143, Lt. Scholar,
T.O. From Wallis 2300.
Landed: Canton 0330.

Ship #079, Lt. Houchins, blew out tire and remained at Wallis.

21 June 1943

Ship #689, Lt. Deacy, C.P. O'Hara,
T.O. 1846.
Mission: Training. (Strange Field, Landings)
Landed: 2244.

Ship #689, Lt. Stay, C.P. Thompson, L. E.,
T.O. 2317.
Mission: Training (Strange Field Landings)
Result: Dropped Lt. Gall and crew at Hickam to pick-up
Ship # 155.
Landed: 0112.

Ship #155, Lt. Gall,
T.O. From Hickam 2421. Mission: Ferry.
Landed: At Kualoa 0051.

Ship #079, Lt. Houchins,
T.O. From Wallis 1900.
Landed: At Canton 2330.

Ship #143, Lt. Scholar & Ship #073, Lt. Storm remained on
ground at Canton.

22 June 1943

Ship #689, Lt. Boyd,
T.O. 1633.
Mission: Supplies. ~~Run~~ Run to Hilo, Hawaii.
Landed: Back at Kualoa 0355.

Ship #143, Lt. Scholar, Ship #073, Lt. Storm, Ship #079, Lt.
Houchins,
T.O. 1700
Mission & Result: Satisfactorily completed photo mission over
the following Gilbert Islands: Beru, Nukunau, Taputeola, Onotoa,
Tamana and Arora. Color Photo of the Island of Beru was taken by
Ship #143.
Landed: At Canton, 0530.

25 June 1943

Ship #155, Lt. Deasy,
T.O. 1610.
Mission: Sea Search, Standard "Y". Sector 334.5-342°
Contacts: None. Out 780

Ship #689, Lt. Gall,
T.O. 1800.
Mission: Training (Instrument on Hickam Beam, S & W Legs)
Landed: 2117.

Ship #689, Lt. Thompson, R. S., Nav. Buffington,
T. O. 2315.
Mission: Training (Strange Field, Landings)
Landed: 0207.

Ship #838, Lt. Boyd,
T.O. 1834.
Mission: Slow Time.
Landed: 2240.

Ship #838, Lt. Stay,
T.O. 2340.
Mission: Training (Strange Field Landings)
Landed: 0100.

Ship #342 (B-18), Capt. Best, 431st,
Landed: 2255. T. O. 2407.

Ship #689, Lt. Thompson, R. S.,
T. O. 0257.
Mission: Ferry Lt. Gall & crew to Bellows to pick-up Ship
#110, and Lt. Stay & crew to H. A. D. to pick-up
Ship #983.
Landed: At Kualoa 0355.

Ship #110, Lt. GALL, in at 0433 from Bellows.
Ship #983, Lt. Stay, in at 0504 from H. A. D.

No Missions for ships at Canton.

24 June 1943

Ship #155, Lt. Thompson, R.S. Ex Bomb. Canton,
T.O. 1830.
Mission: Training (Bombing Niihau "W")
Landed: 2150.

Ship #155, Lt. Gall,
T.O. 2300.
Mission: Training (Bombing Niihau "W")
Landed: At Barking Sands (0100) due to trouble with #3 engine
and landing gear.

24 June 1943 Cont'd.

Ship #983, Lt. Stay,
T.O. 0250.
Mission: To Barking Sands to pick-up Lt. Gall & Crew.
Landed: At home 0615.

Ship #079, Lt. Storm,
Ship #143, Lt. Scholar,
T.O. 2300.
Mission: Search out of Canton.
Contacts: None.
Landed: At Canton 0100.

25 June 1943

Ship #983, Lt. ##### Stay,
T.O. 1705.
Mission: Special
Landed: At Canton, 0330.

Ship #110, Lt. Deasy,
T.O. 1812.
Mission: Ferry maintenance men, for Ship #155, to Barking Sands.
Landed: At home 2135.

Ship #689, Lt. Sands, C.P. O'Mara,
T.O. 1800.
Mission: To Hickam to pick-up Lt. Sands' enlisted crew who
are at gunnery school.
Landed: at Hickam 1830.
Lt. O'Mara returned to Kualoa via truck.
Lt. Sands T.O. from Hickam at 1830. Landed at Kualoa 2216.

Ship #868, from 26th, Wheeler, in at 2130. T.O. 2145.

Ship #838, Lt. Thompson, R. S.
T.O. 2300.
Mission: Training (Bombing Niihau "W". Formation to and from
target with Ship #110.)
Landed: 0257.

Ship #110, Lt. Boyd, Bomb. Caston,
T.O. 2301.
Mission: Training (Bombing Niihau "W". Formation to and from
target with Ship #838)
Landed: 0235.

Lt Gall & Crew went to Kahuku, 431st, to pick-up plane to go on
special mission. T.O. In Ship #746 from Kahuku at 1700.
Landed at Canton 0330.

26 JUNE 1943

Ship #838, Lt. Boyd,
T.O. 1607.
Mission: Sea Search, Standard "Y". Sector 353-360.
Contacts: None. Out 750 N. M.
Landed: 0227.

26 June 1943 Cont'd.

Ship #110, Lt. Thompson, R. S.,
T.O. 1810.

Mission: To ferry Lt. Deasy & crew to Barking Sands to
pick-up ship #155.

Landed: At Barking Sands 1940.

Ship #110, Lt. Thompson, R. S.,

T.O. From Barking Sands 2003.

Landed: At Kualoa 2115.

Ship #155, Lt. Deasy,

TO: From Barking Sands 2000.

Landed: At Kualoa 2113.

Ship #110, Lt. Thompson, R. S.,

T.O. 2309.

Mission: Training (Practice bombing on Niihau "W")

Landed: 0211.

Ship #155, Lt. Carey; C. P. Lt. Thompson, L. E.

T.O. 0032.

Mission: Ferry Lt. Deasy & crew to H.A.D. to pick-up
Ship #676.

Landed: At Kualoa 0145.

Ship #676, Lt. Deasy,

Landed: At Kualoa 0304.

~~###~~
No. missions for ships at Canton.

27 June 1943

Ship #838, Lt. ~~###~~ Thompson,

T. O. 1558.

Mission: Sea Search, Standard "Y". Sector: 342-349. 1V4.

Contacts: None. Out 750 N. M.

Landed: 0043.

Ship #342, Capt. Best,

Landed: 1915.

T.O. 2020.

Ship #190, Lt. Storm, Ship #746, Lt. Gall, Ship #143,

Lt. Scholar,

T.O. From Canton ~~###~~ 1900.

Landed: At Funafuti 2330.

These ships were scheduled to take off for raid on Nauru at
1200, in conjunction with the 98th, 26th, & 431st. First
ship that took off cracked-up in water immediately after
take-off. The next six (6) ships got safely into the air,

27 June 1943 Cont'd.

but the eighth ship also cracked-up in the water immediately after the take-off. Four (4) ships completed mission, one (1) went on special mission to Nomuti, and the remaining ship circled the island of Funafuti until dawn, then landed. ~~Our ships did not take-off.~~ **CAPT STAY OVER TARGET**

28 June 1943

Ship #838, Lt. Carey, With Lt. Smith's crew,
T.O. 1547.
Mission: Sea Search, Standard "Y". Sector: 342-349. 1V4.
Contacts: None. Out 750 N. M.
Landed: 0250.

Ship #676, Lt. Deasy,
T.O. 1840,
Landed: At Kahuku 1850.
T.O. From Kahuku 1915.
Landed: At Hilo 2055.
T.O. From Hilo 2145.
Landed: At Kualoa 2308.

Ship #190, Lt. Storm; Ship #746, Lt. Gall; Ship #143, Lt. Scholar,
T.O. From Funafuti 2200.
Landed: At Canton 0230.

29 June 1943

Ship #110, Lt. Deasy, T.O. 1545 to go on sea search. The cowl on #4 engine blew off on the first take-off and cowl on #1 engine came loose. Landed at 1551. Fixed cowl. T.O. again at 1621 and found that three generators were completely out. Landed at 1658. Mission cancelled. Sector to have been searched was 343-350. Call letter 1V4.

Ship #676, Lt. Thompson, R. S.,
T. O. 1810.
Mission: Training (Instrument on Hickam Beam) (S & W Legs)
Landed: 2050.

Ship #838, Lt. Boyd,
T. O. 1830.
Mission: Training (Transition in Area M-26).
Landed: 2047.

Ship #676, Lt. Thompson,
T.O. 2250.
Mission: Training (Strange Field Landings) (Kahuku, Mokuleia, Wheeler, Hickam and Bellows).
Landed: At Kualoa 0221.

29 June 1943 Cont'd.

Ship #155, Lt. Jeasy,
T.O. ~~2329~~ 2329.
Mission: Ferry ~~the ship~~ the ship to Bellows for modification.
Landed: At Bellows 2342.

No missions for ships at Canton.

30 June 1943

Ship #676, Lt. Thompson, R. S.,
T.O. 1808.
Mission: Training (Transition in formation with Ship #689)
Landed: 2056. (Area A-8)

Ship #689, Lt. Boyd,
T.O. 1810.
Mission: Training (Transition in formation with Ship #676)
Landed: 2054. (Area A-8)

Ship #110, Lt. Deasy,
T.O. 1850.
Mission: Test Flight. Also test fired guns. Area A-8.
Landed: 1955.

Ship #676, Lt. Deasy,
T.O. 2022.
Mission: Training (Instrument on Hickam Beam. S & W Legs)
Landed: 0134.

Ship #689, Lt. Carey, C.P. Thompson L. E.
T.O. 2257.
Mission: Training (Transition Landings)
Landed: 0156.

Ship #143, Lt. Scholar, with Captain Cooper,
T.O. From Canton 1800.
With part of Lt. Storm's crew.
Landed: At Kualoa 0427.

Ship #073, Lt. Storm, with Colonel Holzapfel,
T.O. From Canton at ~~2210~~. 2210.
Landed: At Palmyra ~~0415~~. 0415.

Ship #746, Lt. Gall, T.O. From Canton ~~1700~~. 1700
Landed: At Kahuku ~~0425~~. 0425.
He was flying a ship from the 431st.

1 July 1943

Ship #073, Lt. Storm with Colonel Holzapfel,
T.O. From Palmyra 1825.
Landed: At Hickam 0050.
T.O. From Hickam 0155.
Landed: At Kualoa 0230.

1 July 1943 Cont'd

Ship #110, Lt. Deasy,
T.O. 1458.

Mission: Training (Special smoke bomb mission for Ft. Shafter. Dropped at 2500 feet on Barber's Point. Landed H. A. D. 1520. T.O. Hickam 1640. Landed Hickam 1740. T.O. Hickam 1810.
Landed: At Kualoa 1836.

Ship #676, Lt. Carey,
T.O. 1815.

Mission: Training (Bombing Lanai "S". Alt. 8000 feet)(10-100#)
Landed: 2100.

Ship #689, Lt. Thompson, R. S.,
T.O. 1800.

Mission: Training (Bombing Lanai "S". Alt. 8000 feet) (10-100#)
Landed: 1826.
T.O. 1845.
Landed: 2105.

Ship #983, Lt. Stay,
Landed: 0135 from Canton.

2 July 1943

Ship #110, Lt. Thompson, R. S.,
T.O. 1547.

Mission: Sea ~~###~~ Search, Standard "Y". Sector 352.5-360.
Contacts: None. Out 730 N. M.
Landed: 0216.

Ship #676, Lt. Deasy,
T.O. 1645.

Mission: Training (Instrument to Hilo, Hawaii. Alt. 2000 feet)
Landed at Hilo 1821. T.O. From Hilo 0150.
Landed: At Kualoa 0312.

Ship #689, Lt. Carey,
T.O. 2307.

Mission: Training (Bombing Lanai "S". Alt. 8000.)(10-100#)
Landed: 0125.

Ship #149, Lt. Boyd,
T.O. From Bellows 2115.

Landed: At Kualoa 2040. The ship had been at Bellows for modification.

3 July 1943

Ship #110, Lt. Easy,
T.O. 1800.
Mission: Training (Bombing Niihau "W") (Alt. 8000 feet)
Had pursuit interception.
Landed: 2120.

4 July 1943

Ship #110, Lt. Thompson, R. S.,
T.O. 1550.
Mission: Sea Search, Standard "Y". Sector 345.5-353.
Contacts: None. Out 770 N. M.
Landed: 0217.

Ship #Lt. Cason,
T. C. 1910.
Mission: Transition. Landed at Kahuku 2115.

5 July 1943

Ship #676, Lt. Stay,
T.O. 1815.
Mission: Training (Bombing Lanai "S". Alt. 8000 feet) (20-100#)
Landed: At Kahuku 2045.

Ship #689, Lt. Sands,
T.O. 1825.
Mission: Training (Transition in K-26. Local landings)
Landed: 1845. Plane skidded off runway, nose wheel collapsed and plane skidded to a stop on its belly. Air speed indicator was not working. The plane was brought in slightly hot and the landing mat was slippery with rain. After touching the mat, the plane traveled straight ahead for 700' to 800' before starting to skid to the right. Right landing gear, nose, and belly, right outboard wing panel, right tire ~~and wing flaps~~ and wing flaps all damaged. Nose sections and props torn from No's 3 & 4 engines. Fuselage buckled.

Ship #342, Landed 1930. T.O. 2130.

Ship #143, T.O. 2315. Landed: At Hickam 2400.

6 July 1943

Ship #149, Lt. Gall,
T.O. From Kahuku ~~###~~. 0015.
Landed: At ~~###~~. 2008.

7 July 1943

Ship #983, Gall,
T. O. 1835.
Mission: Training. Local.
Landed: ~~##~~ 0022.

7 July 1943 Cont'd.

Ship #983, Lt. Scholar,
T.O. 0022. Landed at Hickam 0050. T. C. From Hickam 0340.
Landed: At Kualoa 0402.

Ship #171, Landed 1915. T.C. 1958.

Ship #838, T.C. 0125. Landed 0144.

Ship #149, Lt. Thompson, R. S.
T.O. 0100.
Landed: 0157.

Ship #688,
Landed: At 0152 from Wheeler.

8 July 1943

Ship #073, Lt. Stay,
T.O. 1556.
Mission: Sea Search, Standard "Y". Sector 340.5-348.
Contacts: None. Out 750 N. M.
Landed: 0235.

Ship #110, Lt. Storm with Capt. Cooper, T.O. 1616.

Ship #983, Lt. Gall, T.O. 1617.

Ship #838, Lt. Sands, T.O. 1618.

Ship #149, Lt. Thompson, R. S., T.O. 1619.

Mission: Special to Canton.

Landed: All Ships at Canton 0250.

Ship #171 (C-78) Landed 1827. T.O. 2020.

9 July 1943

Ship #214, Lt. Scholar,
T.O. 0040.
Mission: To Kahuku and return.
Landed: At Kualoa 0203.

Ship #143, Lt. Carey,
Picked-up ship at Hickam
Landed: At Kualoa 0245.

Ship #110, Lt. Storm, Ship #983, Lt. Gall, Ship #838, Lt. Sands,
Ship #149, Lt. Thompson, T.O. From Canton 1955. Landed at
Funafuti 0010.

10 July 1943

Ship #214,
T. O. ~~0040~~. 1950.
Landed: 2152.

Ship #171 (C-78) Landed 2259. T.O. 2303.

No Missions for Ships at 10 July 1943 Cont'd.
Funafuti.

11 July 1943

Ship #073, Lt. Carey,
T.O. 1545.
Mission: Sea Search, Standard "Y". Sector 353-360.
Contacts: None. Out 740 N. M.

Ship #688, Lt. Stay,
T.O. 2315.
Mission: Training (Bombing Lanai "S". Alt. 8000')(10-100#)
Landed: 0129.

Ships at Funafuti T.O. 1815 on photo mission. Primary target—
Jaluit. Secondary Target: Makin & Little Makin. Land at
Funafuti 0758.
Results: Classed as highly successful. Complete photo-
graphic reconnaissance ~~of Makin & Little Makin~~ of Makin and Little
Makin, in spite of adverse weather with tropical front being
almost over Primary Target, colored photos were obtained
at established large sea plane base at the Jaluit Atol.
All four ships were over Jaluit and all but Ship #983 were
over Makin. No casualties. One ~~bi~~-plane was in the air over
Makin but did not intercept. Apparently it was reconnaissance
for AA fire.

12 July 1943

All four (4) ships T.O. from Funafuti at 1145. Landed at
Canton 1545.
Note: Ship #149 burned out expanded tubes in both brakes
on landing.

Ship #688, Lt. Stay, Ship #073, Lt. Cason, (See Page 25)
T.O. 1636.
Mission: Simulated bombing of task force.
Landed: Ship #688 at 1950. Ship #073 at 1947.

13 July 1943

Ship #688, Lt. Stay,
T.O. 1603.
Mission: Sea Search, Standard "Y". Sector 322.5-330.
Contacts: None. Out 750 N. M.
Landed: 0304.

Ship #073, Lt. Cason,
T.O. 1558.
Mission: Sea Search, Standard "Y". Sector 330-337.5.
Contacts: None. Out 744 N. M.
Landed: 0305.

13 July 1943 Cont'd.

Ship #110, Lt Storm with Capt. Cooper,
Ship #983, Lt. Gall,
Ship #838, Lt. Sands.,
T.O. From Canton 1800.
Landed: At Kualoa Ship #110 0420; Ship #983 0421, Ship #838
0450.

14 July 1943

Ship #149, Lt. Thompson,
T. O. From Canton 1800.
Landed: At Kualoa 0327.

Ship #073, Lt. Carey,
T.O. 1750.
Mission: Smoke bomb as directed by Capt. Anderson, Ft. Shafter,
Landed at Kahuka 1830. T.O. 1900. Landed Hickam 1930. T.O.
2005. Landed Kahuku 2035. T.O. 0500.
Landed: At Kualoa 0520.

15 July 1943

Ship #214, Lt. Cason,
T.O. 1617.
Mission: Sea Search, Standard "Y". Sector 330-337.5.
Contacts: None. Out 730 N. E.
Landed: 0310.

Ship #676, Lt. Stay,
T. O. For Hickam 1805.
Landed: At Hickam 1840.

Ship #155, Lt. Carey,
T.O. From Bellows.
Landed: At Kualoa 0100.

16 July 1943

Ship #149, Lt. Stay,
T.O. 1545.
Mission: Sea Search, Standard "Y". Sector 317.5-324.5.
Contacts: None. Out 750 N. M.
Landed: 0240.

Ship #214, Lt. Carey,
T.C. 1700.
Mission: Training (Instrument to Hilo, Hawaii.)
Landing: 0315.

Ship #983, Lt. Thompson, L. E.,
T.O. 0047. Landed at Bellows 0110. T.C. From Bellows
0157.
Landed: At Kualoa 0152.

17 July 1943

Ship #110, Lt. Carey,
T.O. 1611.
Mission: Sea Search, Standard "Y". Sector 345-352.5.
Contacts: None. Out 740 N. M.
Landed: 0229.

Ship #983, Lt. Cason,
T.O. 1725.
Mission: Training (Transition)
Landed: 2120.

Ship #983, Lt. Storm,
~~#####~~ T.O. 2255.
Mission: Training (Strange Field Landings)
Landed: 0126.

Ship #143, Lt. Gall,
T.O. 1749.
Mission: Training (Bombing Lanai "S". 15000') (10-100#)
Landed: 2040.

Ship #149, Lt. Sands,
T.O. 2244.
Mission: Training (Instrument on Hickam Beam. S & W Legs)
Landed: 0210.

Ship #676, Lt. Sands,
T.O. From Hickam 1815.
Landed: At Kualoa 1940.

Report of raid on task force 12 July

There 12 AC in the formation (including C73 & 688 from this Squadron) The two crews from 42nd were alerted and received phone msg at 1615 to be in air. T.O. at 1630 and joined flight of four (4) planes from 431st Bomb. Sq. Rendezvous point was Ilio Point, Molokai at 1705, alt. 10000 feet. Eight (8) P-40's gave cover at rendezvous point at 12,000 feet. Radio command to proceed to task force received at 1750. Course 255°(T). Left rendezvous point 1756 in formation V of V's. Task force sighted 1735, 85 miles from rendezvous point. (There were ~~#####~~ two (2) CV's and five (5) DD's (Destroyers in the task force) They were on course approx 45°(T), speed 25 knots. One bomb run made over CV from altitude of 12000 feet. CV and DD made evasive action by frequent change of course. Simulated bombs dropped in train. at 1830. Damage very slight. Few near misses. AA very heavy. Every fighter action severe. Ship #073 used waist guns top and rear turrets and nose turrets. Ship #688 used waist and tail guns only. Planes made several shifts in course to avoid AA from ships. At 12000 feet two (2) formations of four (4) planes each attacked #073 twice from 8 O'clock. Single plane attacks twice at 8 O'clock, once at 10 O'clock. Severe damage to P-24.

18 July 1943

Ship #143, Lt. Gall,
T.O. 1549.
Mission: Sea Search, Standard "Y". Sector 326-333.5.
Contacts: None. Out 770 N. E.
Landed: 0245.

Ship #073, Lt. Canan, T.O. 1714 ferry to HAD for modifications.

Ship #214, Lt. Storm, T.O. 2255 ferry to HAD for modifications.

Ship #983, Lt. Thompson, R. S., Lead Ship,
T.O. 1759.
Mission: Training (Bombing Niihau "W") (10-100#) Formation
to and from target with Ship #149.
Landed: 2117.

Ship #149, Lt. Sands, Bomb. Rooms,
T.O. 1800.
Mission: Training (Bombing Niihau "W") (10-100#) Formation
to and from target with Ship #983.
Landed: 2120.

Ship #838, ~~Lt. Schmidt~~ Lt. Schmidt,
T.O. 2010.
Mission: Received call from Mr. Baker that one man was
on raft just off shore from the ~~Officer's~~ Officer's housing
area, and that one man was drifting around in the water.
Ship took off to drop life raft to man floating around in the
water, but Mr. Baker and 3 or 4 other officers had already
waded out and ~~the~~ the men into shore.
Landed: 2020. ~~Landed~~

Ship #838, Lt. Scholar,
T.O. 2242.
Mission: Test Flight. (Slow Time) also to pick-up Lt. Storm &
crew at Hickam at ~~#~~ 0100.
Landed: 0215.

Ship #983, Lt. Stay,
T.O. 2302.
Mission: Training. (Instrument on Hickam Beam. ~~S~~ S & W legs.
Out 50 miles)
Landed: 0148.

19 July 1943

Ship #110, Lt. Schmidt,
T.O. 1555.
Mission: Sea Search, Standard "Y". Sector 338-345.5.
Contacts: None. Out 720 N. E.
Landed: 0233.

19 July 1943 Cont'd.

Ship #838, Lt. Thompson, R. S.,
 T.O. 1556.
 Mission: Sea Search, Standard "Y". Sector 345.5-353.⁰
 Contacts: None. Out 780 N. M.
 Landed: 0211.

Ship #983, Lt. Cannon, CP. Thompson, L. E.,
 T.O. 1744.
 Mission: Training. (Bombing Niihau "W".) (10-100#) 12000'.
 Landed: ~~2030~~ 2030.

Ship #143, Lt. Sands,
 T.O. 1750.
 Mission: To HAD for Radar Check. The plane and crew was
 sent back before it landed at Hickam.
 Landed: 1830.

Ship #983, Lt. Stay,
 T.O. 0515.
 Mission: Was to go on searchlight mission attack on Ford
 Island and ~~Wheeler Field~~ Wheeler Field. Mission was
 called off by 7th AF. Could not contact plane
 from our ~~control tower~~ control tower. Was called back
 by Hickam tower.
 Landed: 0550.

20 July 1943

Ship #143, Lt. Storm,
 T.O. 1735.
 Mission: Training (Bombing Niihau "W".) (10-100#) Alt. 12000'.
 Landed: 2121.

Ship #983, Lt. Cason, CP. Thompson, L. E.
 T.O. 1736.
 Mission: Training (Bombing Niihau "W".) (10-100#) Alt. 12000'.
 Formation to and from target with Ship #143.

Ship #838, Lt. Gall,
 T.O. 1811.
 Mission: Training (Instrument on Kauai Beach) Landed at
 Barking Sands. Dropped ~~##~~ two passengers and
 ten (10) empty 100# practice Bombs.
 Landed: 2137.

Ship #983, Lt. Stay,
 T.O. 2320.
 Mission: Training (Transition--Local Landings)
 Landed: 0140.

20 July 1943 Cont'd.

Ship #688, Lt. Sands,
T.O. 1556.

Mission: Sea Search, Standard "Y". Sector 330-337.5.

Contacts: None: Out 770 N. M.
Landed: 0217.

21 July 1943

No flights this date. All ships ordered. (By Bomber Command)
grounded.

22 July 1943

Ship #110, Lt. Stay, with Capt. Cooper, T.O. 1810;

Ship #676, Lt. Cason, with Lt. Thompson, L. E., T.O. 1811;

Ship #688, Lt. Thompson, R. S., T.O. 1812;

Ship #143, Lt. Schmidt, T.O. 1813;

Ship #983, Lt. Gall, T.O. 1845, #983.

Mission: Special to Eastern Island (Wake Island)

Ship #983 was originally scheduled for the mission, but it could not be readied in time for the scheduled take-off. Ship #155 was to be used, but it developed some engine trouble. Ship #983 was then re-substituted as soon as it was ready, causing the late take-off.

23 July 1943

Ship #838, Lt. Storm,
T.O. 1710.

Mission: Ferry to Hickam (HAD) for repairs.

Landed: At Hickam 1755.

Lt. Storm & Skeleton crew caught the mail courier back to
Kualoa.

Ship #155, Lt. Sands,
T.O. 1749.

Mission: To Hickam for Radar Check. Landed at Hickam 1840.

Took-off from Hickam 0050.

Landed: At Kualoa 0115.

24 July 1943

Ship #155, Lt. Sands,
T.O. 1710.

Mission: ~~For~~ Training (Instrument to Hilo; S & E Legs)

Landed: At Kualoa 0230.

25 July 1943

Received orders from Group S-3 alerting (30 Min. alert) all
ships and combat personnel. No flights this date.

Ship #342 (B-18) from Kahuku Base Operations, Capt. Best &
Major Matthews Landed at 2105. Took-off 2205.

Bombing of Wake Island

The 11th Bombardment Group (H) of the Seventh Air Force accomplished a daylight bombardment mission consisting of two strikes on Wake Island on 24 and 26 July 1943, using B-24D airplanes.

On 24 July a striking force of 10 airplanes, 4 from the 42nd Bombardment Squadron (H), 1 attached from the 48th Bombardment Squadron (H), and 5 from the 431st Bombardment Squadron (H) took off from an advanced base at Midway Island between 1730Z and 1757Z. Two airplanes returned to base after losing formation. The remaining eight proceeded to Wake Island, attacking target from 2349Z to 0025Z. Seven airplanes returned to base, landing at 0437Z.

Wake Island, captured by the Japanese on December 24, 1941, is now a powerful Japanese air base. Approximately 1028 nautical miles west-southwest of Midway Island, it serves as an advanced central Pacific patrol base, guarding against United Nations operations directed against Jap-held positions on the Caroline, Marshall and Gilbert Islands. In addition to its aerial facilities, Wake is capable of being developed into a submarine base.

In the first strike on 24 July 1943, eight of our airplanes dropped 55 fragmentation clusters of 6 X 30-lb. bombs and 1 X 500-lb. G.P. bombs, 4 frag clusters of 6 X 30-lb. bombs, and 4 incendiary clusters of 6 X 30 lb. bombs.

During the strike of 24 July a high overcast with light showers prevailed on takeoff. A cold front was encountered 100 miles in depth about 250 miles out from Midway with visibility zero and intense turbulence. Beyond the front weather was good, with 3/10 to 4/10 scattered cumulus at 2500'. Over the target ceiling and visibility were unlimited. On the return weather conditions were similar to those on the route out.

Opposition was first encountered on 24 July from enemy anti-aircraft as our airplanes approached Peacock Point. The enemy used medium and heavy guns and automatic weapons, which were extremely accurate and intense. A fragment found under one pilot's seat is believed to be from a 90 mm. gun. After the

first flight had made its bombing runs, our aircraft were intercepted by 20-30 Zeros and one unidentified biplane. A running fight ensued with the Zeros following our airplanes out to sea. The attacks came from above, at the center of the airplanes, from 10 and 2 o'clock above and below, in a figure eight around the formation, from 3 o'clock below, toward the engines and cockpit, and from 5, 6, 7 and 9 o'clock from above and below. The largest number of passes came from above and below from 10 and 2 o'clock. One pilot observed a total of 85 passes made at his five-airplane formation. Nine enemy fighters were destroyed, 4 probably destroyed and 3 were damaged. We lost one of our bombers, which crashed into the sea after a mid-air collision with an enemy fighter which was falling out of control (this was Lt. Cason's ship). The bomber crew continued to fire at the enemy until their ship crashed into the sea.

The mission was planned as a diversionary and nuisance bombing raid. The two raids resulted in the certain destruction in combat of 20 enemy fighters, the probably destruction of 12, and damage to 14, with the combat loss of one of our bombers. An undetermined amount of damage was done to enemy installations.

* LT CASON + CREW

(The following detailed information concerning B-24D's of the 42nd Bomb Sq (H) is taken from a Seventh Air Force narrative-pictorial account of the Wake Island mission of 24 and 26 July 1943)

Airplane No. 688, Lt Thompson, T.O. 1730, over target 2350Z, land at Midway 0720Z, struck barracks and revetment area, ten frag clusters dropped, no confirmations, one explosion noted believed ammo storage or airplane; 20 to 25 airplanes seen; one shot down, two probables, one damaged, many passes, 1500 rounds ammo expended, Zero exploded after burst two others smoking, another hit by tracer, no casualties (Lt Thompson injured in leg when 20 mm. hit), accurate intense heavy flak, - 16 photos, altitude 17000', - observed Zero crash into Lt Cason's airplane and both crashed into the sea, - also observed two Zeros spin into the sea in flames after being shot down by others in the formation.

Airplane No. 993, Lt Gall, T.O. 1734Z, target time 2349Z, land time 0742Z, target area revetments, dropped ten frag clusters, no confirmations, no results observed, saw 20 to 30 airplanes, shot down one Zero, damaged two, many passes, 2680 rounds ammo expended, saw Cason get Zero which later crashed into Cason, two killed on board, three wounded, #2 engine shot out, hydraulic system shot out, ran off end of runway and crashed on landing, heavy accurate intense flak, photos jettisoned, good bomb run.

Airplane No. 676, Lt. Cason, T.O. 1733Z, target time unknown, crashed at sea, target area revetments, no information on bombing run or number dropped, two ~~probables~~ shot down, many passes, ammo expenditure unknown, confirmations by other crews, entire crew of eleven missing, crashed at sea and exploded; no survivors seen.

Airplane No. 110, Lt Stay, T.O. 1730Z, target time 0004Z, land time 0725Z, target area revetment area, bombs dropped ten frag clusters, no confirmations no noted results, 20-25 airplanes seen, one shot down, many passes, 4000 rounds ammo expended, Dwyer (98th pilot) confirmation, none killed or injured, small shrapnel holes in fuselage, heavy and medium intense accurate, 10 photos, 17000'. Zeke, out of control, was seen to come under Airplane 676 and crash into left rudder assy, causing 676 to peel to left and crash into the sea, exploding.

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26 July 1945

Airplane No. 143, Lt. Schmidt, T.O. 1646Z, land
0607Z, jettisoned bombs, lost engine near target,
returned three engines.

26 July 1943

Ship #073, Lt. Sands,
Landed: At Kualoa 1830.
Mission: Ferry from HAD. (Had been undergoing modifications).

Ship #214, Lt. Sands,
Landed: At Kualoa ~~1830~~ 0143.
Mission: Ferry from HAD. (Had been undergoing modifications).

Ship #110, Lt. Stay with Capt. Cooper,
Landed: At Kualoa 0325.
Mission: Just in from raid on Wake (Details of raid will be given under 30 July 1943 report).

27 July 1943

Still on Alert. No flights today.

28 July 1943

Ship #149, Lt. Sands,
T.O. 1710.
Mission: Ferry to Hickam for Calibration of Compass.
Landed: At Kualoa 2015.

29 July 1943

Ship #110, Lt. Sands,
T.O. 1548.
Mission: Sea Search, Standard "Y". Sector (Special Assigned)
Contacts: None.
Landed: 0249.

30 July 1943

The following in ~~is~~ a newspaper clipping from the Honolulu Advertiser (Daily Newspaper) which is a fairly accurate account of the raids made on Wake Island on 26 & 28 July 1943. The operations on the first raid were carried out almost entirely by this Squadron, although there ~~was~~ were three planes from the 431st who came in to late to be of much assistance.

(The Clipping reads as follows)

RAID ON WAKE ISLAND BY U. S. DESCRIBED

By LaSalle Gilman

HEADQUARTERS 7TH AIR FORCE, July 30, 1943.—An Unlucky gunner, S/Sgt. Earl D. Nielson, who started on a large-scale bombing raid of Jap-held Wake Island staged last Sunday but who was stricken with acute appendicitis just before the take-off, gave another aerial gunner, one Marine Sgt. William J. Campbell, his big chance. He made the most of it.

Relating this incident today, at headquarters, Col. William J. Hossapfel, Jr., youthful (34) task group commander of the Liberator B-24s on both recent attacks, recalled that an emergency operation was performed on Nielson but since he couldn't continue, the fliers asked for gunnery volunteers among the Marines.

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Refuses Substitutes

"Practically every gunner among them stepped forward," Col. Holzapfel said, "so we had to draw their names from a hat. Campbell was the winner. The others clamored to substitute for him and began making cash offers to him to take his place but he declined. One Marine captain finally offered him \$1,000 spot cash for his place on Lt. Richard S. Thompson's bomber, but Campbell turned that down too. He wanted a crack at the Jap."

Campbell got it. During the run over the tiny mid-Pacific Atoll later that day, the formation was attacked by Zeros. The ~~Marine~~ Marine shot down one, and confirmed two others destroyed by other bombers.

On the way out after the bombs were dropped, the Liberators were pursued by many Zeros and Lt. Thompson's ~~plane~~ plane was hit by ack-ack which damaged the wiring ~~controlling~~ controlling the propellers. The pilot himself was severely wounded in the leg. T/Sgt. Clarence T. Sopko of his crew distinguished himself by repairing the wiring while in flight, with Co-~~Pilot~~ Pilot Lt. John E. Lowry taking over the controls, and the bomber returned safely to its base.

Another bomber piloted by Lt. Pierce L. Veith in the Sunday raid on Wake was hit but he brought the plane home from what is easily the longest over-water bombing mission on any front. Despite these difficulties, Lt. Veith brought ~~it~~ it many hundreds of miles safely to base.

ONE BOMBER LOST

The only bomber lost was attacked some 25 miles ~~off~~ off Wake Island after it had dropped its bombs on a dispersal area along the runway and was headed home. It shot down on Zero, was attacked by another, hit the Zero and set it afire, and the Jap plunged into the bomber's left wing. Both planes fell from a high altitude into the sea, the Liberator's guns still blazing, but observers above saw the B-24 explode as it hit the water.

Besides these, two other men were killed on the Sunday attack (there were no casualties on Tuesday). One gunner was killed, another was so seriously wounded that he died on the long voyage home. Three others were less severely wounded.

TARGETS HIT

Col. Holzapfel, who directed both operations noted that the weather on the first day was good over the target and Jap opposition was fiercer than ever before, indicating a strengthening of the defenses there, but the opposition on Tuesday was less effective because of cloudy conditions.

Shops, barracks and fuel storage areas were hit, though no fires were observed, and he thought a number of Zeros were destroyed on the runway. More enemy planes were seen than at any time previously, and 16 Zeros were destroyed in the air in both raids. This was the first time U.S. bombers had been intercepted

30 July 1943 Cont'd.

before reaching the target, indicating that the Japs are on the alert. Anti-aircraft fire was intense and fairly accurate, he said.

What use the Japs are making of Wake Island Col. Holzappel did not venture to say. No particular new construction was observed there, he said, nor dredging activity in the lagoon, and only a few small boats were seen. There were no warships or submarine

31 July 1943

Ship #110, Lt. Sands,
T.O. 1753.
Mission: Ferry to Hickam for weight check.
Landed: At Kualoa 2340.

1 August 1943

Ship #645, Lt. Sands,
Landed: From ~~the~~ Mokuleia at Kualoa 0222.

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Ship #149, Lt. Sands,
T.O. From Kualoa 1800. T.O. From Hickam 2230.
Mission: Ferry to Hickam for Weight Check.
Landed: At Hickam 1900. At Kualoa 2300.

Ship #838, Lt. Stay,
Mission: Ferry from Hickam to Kualoa.
Landed: 2015.

2 August 1943

Ship #073, Lt. Stay,
T.O. 1600.
Mission: Sea Search, Standard "Y". Sector 338-345.5. 1V4.
Contacts: None. Cut 750 N. E.
Landed: 0230.

Ship #155, Lt. Sands,
T.O. 1825.
Mission: Ferry to Hickam for weight check.
Landed: At Kualoa 2315.

3 August 1943

Ship #838, & Ship #149 on V75. Did not take off.

4 August 1943

Ship #110, Lt. Sands,
T.O. 1555.
Mission: Sea Search, Standard "Y". Sector 311-318.5. 1V4.
Contacts: None. Cut 730 N. E.
Landed: 0232.

4 August 1943 Cont.

Ship #214, Lt. Gall,
T.O. 1554.
Mission: Sea Search, Standard "Y". Sector 318.5-326. 214.
Contacts: None. Cut. 650 N. M.
Landed: 0103.

Ship #149, Lt. Stay,
T.O. 1830.
Mission: Training. (Transition, Local landings).
Landed: 2040.

5 August 1943

Ship #149, Lt. Stay,
T.O. 1740.
Mission: Training (Bombing Kahoolawe Range).
Landed: 1930.

Ship #838, Lt. Sands,
T.O. 1750.
Mission: ~~Training~~ Training (Instrument on Hilo Beam S&W Legs)
Landed: At Kualoa 0214.

Ship #759, Lt. Schmidt,
Landed: 0314.
Mission: This ship belongs to the 26th it was ferried from
Midway by Lt. Schmidt.

6 August 1943

Ship #155, Lt. Sands,
T.O. 1649.
Ship #073, Lt. Gall,
T.O. 1656.
Ship #214, Major Cooper, Lt. Stay,
T.O. 1710.
Mission: Ferry to Hickam for parade. Receipt of decorations
for Wake Raid.
Landed: At Kualoa, Ship #214 2402; Ship #155 2406.
Ship #073 had the glass knocked out of the bombardier compartment
while being towed. Remained at HAD for repairs. Crew returned
on #155 and #214.

Ship #759 ferried to Wheeler. Ship #130 (A-20-A) Lt. O'Mara
landed at 0347 from Kahuku.

7 August 1943

7 August 1943

Ship 838, Lt. Gall,
T.O. 1514.
Mission: Strange Field Landings.
Landed: 2042.

8 August 1943

Ship 845 T.O. 1902. Landed 2012.
Ship 214 T.O. 1930. Landed 1930.
Ship 130 (A-20-A) T.O. 1953. Landed 1900.
Ship 110 T.O. 1924. Landed 2127. Landed
Ship 639 T.O. 2286. Landed 2400.
Ship 155 T.O. 2252. Landed 2340.
Ship 130 (A-20-A) T.O. 2317. Landed 2325.
Ship 130 (A-20-A) T.O. 2302. Landed 2339.

9 August 1943

Ship 638, Lt. Stey,
T.O. 1552.
Mission: Sea Search, Standard "Y". Sector 317.5-348.
Contacts: None. Out 750 P. M.
Landed: 0210.

Ship 645, Lt. Weary,
T.O. 2257.
Mission: Test Hop.
Landed: 2400.

Ship 130 (A-20-A), Lt. Weary,
T.O. 1935.
Mission: Transition, Local.
Landed: 2024.

Ship 143, Landed 1735 For Dror Midway (Pilot Schmidt)

Ship 149, T.O. 1810. Landed 1802.

10 August 1943

Ship 214, Lt. Sands,
T.O. 1556.
Mission: Sea Search, Standard "Y". Sector 350-357.5.
Contacts: None. Out 730 P. M.
Landed: 0220.

Ship 130 (A-20-A), Lt. O'Hare T.O. 1936. Landed: 2031.

Ship 143, T. O. 1648. Ferry to Bellows.

AUGUST 11, 1943

APNR - 838
T.O. - 1553
LAND - 0215

PILOT - Lt. Gall

MISSION - Sea Search
CONTACTS - None

AUGUST 12, 1943

APNR - 110

PILOT - LT. Sands

MISSION - Alert
Did not take-off

AUGUST 13, 1943

APNR - 110
T.O. - 1615
LAND - 0207

PILOT - Schmidt

MISSION - Sea Search
CONTACTS - None

AUGUST 14, 1943

APNR - 688
T.O. - 1602
LAND - 0147

PILOT - Deasy

MISSION--Sea Search
CONTACTS--None

AUGUST 15, 1943

APNR - 073
APNR - 149

PILOT - Stay
PILOT - Schmidt

MISSION - Alert
Did not take-off

AUGUST 16, 1943

APNR - 838
T.O. - 1611
LAND - 0231

PILOT - Stay

MISSION - Sea Search
CONTACTS - None

APNR - 110
T.O. - 1606
LAND - 0100

PILOT - Sands

MISSION - Sea Search
CONTACTS - None

AUGUST 17, 1943

APNR. 688

PILOT - Schmidt

MISSION - Alert
Did not take-off

AUGUST 18, 1943

APNR - 838
T.O. - 1540
LAND - 0215

PILOT - Schmidt MISSION - Sea Search
CONTACTS - None

AUGUST 19, 1943

APNR - 688
T.O. - 1556
LAND - 0248

PILOT - Scholar MISSION - Sea arch
CONTACTS - None

AUGUST 20, 1943

APNR - 073
T.O. - 1552
LAND - 0222

PILOT - Sands MISSION - Sea Search
CONTACTS - None

APNR - 838

PILOT - Stay MISSION - Alert
Did not take-off

AUGUST 21, 1943

APNR - 214
T.O. - 1600
LAND - 0325

PILOT - Stay MISSION - Sea search
CONTACTS - None

AUGUST 22, 1943

APNR - 838
T.O. - 1555
LAND - 2132

PILOT - Schmidt MISSION - Sea Search
CONTACTS - None

AUGUST 23, 1943

APNR - 838
T.O. - 1610
LAND - 0255

PILOT - Scholar MISSION - Sea Search
CONTACTS - None

APNR - 688
T.O. - 1750
LAND - 2237

PILOT - Stay MISSION-Spec. Search
CONTACTS - None

APNR - 073
T.O. - 1758
LAND - 2329

PILOT - Sands MISSION-Spec. Search
CONTACTS-None

AUGUST 24, 1943

APNR - 073
T.O. - 1550
LAND - 2314

PILOT - Sands

MISSION - Sea Search
CONTACTS - None

AUGUST 25, 1943

APNR - 838
T.O. - 1550
LAND - 0123

PILOT - ~~Stay~~
Schmidt

MISSION - Sea Search
CONTACTS - None

AUGUST 26, 1943

APNR - 214
T.O. - None
LAND -

PILOT - Stay

MISSION - Alert
Did not take-off

AUGUST 27, 1943

APNR. - 214

PILOT - Scholar

MISSION - Alert
Did not take-off

AUGUST 28, 1943

APNR. - 214

PILOT - Sands

MISSION * Alert
Did not take-off

AUGUST 29, 1943

APNR. - 214
APNR. - 688

PILOT - Schmidt
PILOT - Stay

MISSION - Alert
Did not take-off

AUGUST 30, 1943

APNR - 214
APNR - 688

PILOT - Scholar
PILOT - Sands

MISSION - Alert
Did not take-off

AUGUST 31, 1943

APNR - 110
T.O. - 1600
LAND - 0213

PILOT - Stay

MISSION - Sea Search
CONTACTS - None

SEPTEMBER 1, 1943

APNR - 149
T.O. - 1558
LAND - 0227

PILOT - Storm MISSION - Sea Search
contacts - None

APNR - 688

PILOT - Scholar MISSION - Alert
Did not take-off.

SEPTEMBER 2, 1943

APNR - 688
T.O. - Did not take off
APNR - 110
T.O. - Did not take off

PILOT - Stay MISSION - Alert

PILOT - Sands MISSION - Alert

SEPTEMBER 3, 1943

APNR - 688
T.O. - 1557
LAND - 0150

PILOT - Sands MISSION - Sea Search
CONTACTS - None

APNR - 838
APNR - 110

PILOT - Schmidt MISSION - Alert
PILOT - Storm Did not take off

SEPTEMBER 4, 1943

APNR - 688
T.O. - 1603
LAND - 0251

PILOT - Scholar MISSION - Sea Search
CONTACTS - None

APNR - 149
APNR - 214

PILOT - Stay MISSION - Alert
PILOT - Storm Did not take-off

SEPTEMBER 5, 1943

APNR - 110
T.O. - 1555
LAND - 0200

PILOT - Schmidt MISSION - Sea Search

APNR - 838
APNR - 149

PILOT * Sands MISSION - Alert
PILOT * Stay Did not take-off

SEPTEMBER 6, 1943

APNR - 838	PILOT - Stay	MISSION - Alert
APNR - 149	PILOT - Sands	Did not take-off
APNR - 688	PILOT - Schodar	

SEPTEMBER 7, 1943

APNR - 110 688	PILOT - Stay	MISSION - Sea Search
T.O. - 1552		CONTACTS - None
LAND - 0243		
APNR - 110 149	PILOT - Schmidt	MISSION - Alert
APNR - 110	PILOT - Storm	Did not take-off

SEPTEMBER 8, 1943

APNR - 838	PILOT - Storm	MISSION - Sea Search
T.O. * 1554		CONTACTS - None
LAND - 0228		

SEPTEMBER 9, 1943

APNR - 149	PILOT - Sands	MISSION - Sea Search
T.O. - 1601		CONTACTS - None
LAND - 0115		
APNR - 155	PILOT - Scholar	MISSION - Alert
		Did not take-off

SEPTEMBER 10, 1943

APNR - 110	PILOT - Scholar	MISSION - Sea Search
T.O. - 1602		CONTACTS - None
LAND - 0224		
APNR - 838	PILOT - Schmidt	MISSION - Alert
APNR - 688	PILOT - Storm	Did not take-off

SEPTEMBER 11, 1943

APNR - 838
T.O. - 1600
LAND - 0201

PILOT - Schmiat MISSION - Search
CONTACTS - None

APNR - 149
APNR - 688

PILOT - Sands MISSION - Alert
PILOT - Stay Did not take-off

SEPTEMBER 12, 1943

APNR - 110
T.O. - 1553
LAND - 0255

PILOT - Stay MISSION - Sea Search
CONTACTS - None

APNR - 149

PILOT - Scholar MISSION - Alert
Did not take-off

SEPTEMBER 13, 1943

APNR - 688
APNR - 838
APNR - 149

PILOT - Scholar MISSION - Alert
PILOT - Schmiat Did not take-off
PILOT - Storm

SEPTEMBER 14, 1943

(NO TACTICAL MISSIONS THIS DATE)

SEPTEMBER 15, 1943

Six Airplanes of this Squadron took off for Canton on
Special Mission.

	T.O.	LAND--CANTON
APNR 688	0700	1830
" 155	0710	1740
" 838	0715	1745
" 149	0715	1745
" 110	0700	1830
" 214	0715	1820

SEPTEMBER 16, 1943

(NO TACTICAL MISSIONS THIS DATE)

SEPTEMBER 17, 1943

THE following airplanes on special mission took off from Canton, landing at Funafuti.

		T.O.	LAND-FUNAFUTI
APNR.	688	0615	1035
"	155	0625	1010
"	838	0630	1015
"	149	0630	1015
"	110	0615	1045
"	214	0630	1030

SEPTEMBER 18, 1943

THE following six airplanes took off from Funafuti and carried out bombing mission over Betio Island of the Tarawa atoll. An account of the raid is given on the following page.

		T.O.	LAND
APNR.	688	2230	0900
"	155	2400	0725
"	838	2225	0745
"	149	2230	0745
"	110	2245	0830
"	214	2245	0830

SEPTEMBER 19, 1943

THE following four airplanes took off from Funafuti and carried out a second bombing mission over Betio Island. An account of the raid is given on the following page.

		T.O.	LAND	
APNR.	214	0820	1700	Because of tire failure Planes #110 & 688 were unable to take-off.
"	149	0800	1700	
"	838	0810	1700	
"	155	0800	1705	

SEPTEMBER 20, 1943

THE following six airplanes took off from Funufuti and landed at Canton.

		<u>T.O.</u>	<u>LAND-CANTON</u>
APNR.	688	0850	1340
"	155	0840	1300
"	838	0830	1250
"	149	0830	1300
"	110	0820	1300
"	214	0845	1300

SEPTEMBER 21, 1943

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THE following six airplanes took off from Canton and returned to Kualoa. Airplane 149 landed at Palmyra.

		<u>T.O.</u>	<u>LAND-KUALOA</u>
APNR.	688	0630	1620
"	155	0630	1620
"	838	0800	1815
"	110	0625	1655
"	214	0645	1715
"	149	0630	1130 (landed at Palmyra)

The following is a copy of the S-2 report made of the crash water landing which involved an A-20 airplane piloted by F/O John N. Van Horn. F/O Van Horn lost his life in this accident.

Airplane #40-130 took off from Kualoa Field at 1440 HWT on local flight. Pilot was F/O Van Horn. Passengers were 2nd Lt. Robert F. Becker (Bombardier) and 1st Lt. Arsenio Gansalves (MP). At approximately 1530 the two engines of the A-20 were heard to sputter and die, come to life momentarily, and then outout completely. The aircraft was approximately 500 feet in the air, and on a line between Kualoa Point and Kaneohe, approximately one and one half miles Southeast of Kualoa Point. The airplane had "Buzzed" the field prior to the accident and was just turning into the base leg prior to crashing.

After failure of his engines the pilot lost altitude quite rapidly and after gliding for several hundred feet, made a 90 degree turn directly toward the Kualoa landing strip. Observers reported that after executing the turn the plane seemed to lose altitude much more rapidly. The wheels were seen to come down after the turn had been completed, but were retracted prior to making the water landing.

The plane remained afloat for approximately one and a half minutes before sliding beneath the water.

Lt. Becker riding in the radio operator's seat escaped

TARAWA STRIKE
(Betio Island)

The 42nd Bomb Sq (H) carried out two strikes against Betio Island of the Tarawa Atoll, on which there are extensive Jap installations. No losses were suffered during the bombings, which took place on 18 September 43, and 19-20 September 43.

FIRST STRIKE

Six A/Ps of this squadron took off from Funafuti during 0940Z to 0958Z 18 September 43, piloted by Captain Scholar, Lt Schmidt, Lt Sands, Captain Deasy, Captain Storm and Lt Stay. A/C Numbers 155, 838, 149, 214, 110, 688. Captain Scholar and Captain Deasy were flight commanders, with Major Cooper as squadron commander. Each airplane carried 30 frag bombs made up of 6 x 20 pound clusters. Fuse settings were instantaneous.

Of the 180 total bomb load, 102 were directed toward the target, with 86 hits. There were 16 misses due to bomb rack malfunctions. Seventy were jettisoned and eight returned to base. One airplane, 214, did not reach the target. Airplanes flew to the target in V formation, however, bombed singly.

It is believed that 86 frag bombs hit the target, which target consisted of an area 2000' by 800' covering the runway and the section immediately south of the runways. Several bombs not being shown as hitting the target may have hit another area, causing some damage not determined. Fire and heavy dark smoke was observed on the left center of the target after the bombing run. In addition, there was a large flash, source not noted, on the northwest point of the Betio Island.

In all instances, AA opened up as the airplanes started their bombing runs. The bulk of the AA was medium, with some heavy, low and trailing. One Zeke had two passes from 9 and 5 o'clock, but there was no damage. No ammunition was expended. All airplanes returned safely to their bases. This mission was classed as fairly successful, and had not their been bomb rack malfunctions it would no doubt have been highly successful.

SECOND STRIKE

Four airplanes of this squadron left Funafuti 19-20- September 43, during 1910Z to 1917Z. Pilots were Captain Scholar, Lt Schmidt, Lt Sands, Lt Deasy. Major Cooper was flight commander. A/C Numbers 155, 838, 149 and 214. The bomb load was nine 500 pound demolition, 1/10 second nose fuse: Tail fuse, 25/1000 second.

It is believed that all bombs with the exception of two hit the target. Concentration was made on the runway, airplanes on the runway and the oil dump. All bombs were released in the target area and no bombs were jettisoned.

One airplane, 838, observed fire with considerable dark smoke north of the runway and also to the west of the runway area.

Of the 36 bombs dropped, 34 hit the target or target area, and two fell into the water. There is a possibility, however, that these two bombs may have done some damage.

AA was described as medium, accurate, some trailing. The only damage to our planes was minor bullet holes in 155 and 149. There were no personnel injuries.

Between five to 10 Zekes offered interception, making approximately 35 passes from 11 to 1 o'clock. None were shot down, but there were two probables and two damaged. 2450 rounds M/G were expended. Complete photo coverage was made.

There were two planes scheduled for this mission which failed to take off when their tires burst on the ground, A/C Numbers 110 and 688.

All planes returned safely, sure that they had done considerable damage to the enemy.

just before the plane settled. Lt. Gansalvos was thrown clear of the plane. He was riding in the nose of the plane. Van Horn was pinned in by wreckage of the nose of the plane.

SEPTEMBER 22, 1943

Airplane #149 returned from special mission.

T.O. (Palmyra) LAND (Kualoa)
0800 1400

SEPTEMBER 23, 1943

(No tactical missions this date)

SEPTEMBER 24, 1943

(No tactical missions this date)

SEPTEMBER 25, 1943

(No tactical missions this date)

SEPTEMBER 26, 1943

APNR - 110 PILOT - Storm MISSION - Sea Search
T.O. - 1600 CONTACTS - None
LAND - 0238

SEPTEMBER 27, 1943

APNR - 688 PILOT - Gall MISSION - Sea Search
T.O. - 1559 CONTACTS - None
LAND - 0132

APNR - 073 PILOT - Schmidt MISSION - Alert
Did not take-off

SEPTEMBER 28, 1943

APNR - 143
T.O. - 1604
LAND - 0141

PILOT - Sands

MISSION - Search
CONTACTS - None

APNR - ----

PILOT - Stay

MISSION - Alert
Did not take-off

SEPTEMBER 29, 1943

APNR - 688
T.O. - 1559
LAND - 0142

PILOT - Scholar

MISSION - Sea Search
CONTACTS - None

APNR - 110
APNR - 155

PILOT - Storm
PILOT - Gall

MISSION - Alert
Did not take-off

SEPTEMBER 30, 1943

APNR - 214
T.O. - 1600
LAND - 0127

PILOT - Schmidt

MISSION - Sea Search
CONTACTS - None

apnr - 110
apnr - 143

PILOT - Sands
PILOT - Stay

MISSION - Alert
Did not take-off

OCTOBER 1, 1943

APNR - 838
T.O. - 1605Z
LAND - 0053Z

PILOT - Stay

MISSION - Sea Search
CONTACTS - None

APNR - 143
APNR - 688

PILOT - Scholar
PILOT - Storm

MISSION - Alert
Did not take-off

OCTOBER 2, 1943

APNR - 073
T.O. - 1601
LAND - 0139

PILOT - Storm

MISSION - Sea Search
CONTACTS - None

OCTOBER 3, 1943

APNR - 143
T.O. - 1605
LAND - 0147

PILOT - Kerr

MISSION - Sea Search
contacts - None

APNR - 155
APNR - 214

PILOT - Schmidt
PILOT - Bloch

MISSION - Alert
Did not take-off

OCTOBER 4, 1943

APNR - 688
T.O. - 1610
LAND - 0208

PILOT - Bloch

MISSION - Sea Search
CONTACTS - None

APNR - 645
APNR - 838

PILOT - Gall
PILOT - Sands

MISSION - Alert
Did not take-off

OCTOBER 5, 1943

APNR - 645
T.O. - 1601
LAND - 0031

PILOT - Sands

MISSION - Sea Search
CONTACTS - None

APNR - 214
APNR - 838

PILOT - Storm
PILOT - Kerr

MISSION - Alert
Did not take-off

APNR - 143
T.O. - 1614
LAND - 1841 (10/6)

PILOT - Gall

MISSION - Search &
Navigation mission to
Johnson Isl. & return.

OCTOBER 6, 1943

APNR - 155
T.O. - 1604Z
LAND - 0132Z

PILOT - Scholar

MISSION - Sea Search
CONTACTS - None

OCTOBER 7, 1943

APNR - 838
T.O. - 1603
LAND - 0117

PILOT - Schmidt

MISSION - Sea Search
CONTACTS - None

APNR - 961
APNR - 006

PILOT - Sands
PILOT - Bloch

MISSION - Alert
Did Not take-off

OCTOBER 8, 1943

APNR - 155
T.O. - 1603
LAND - 0112

PILOT - Kerr MISSION - Sea Search
CONTACTS - None

APNR - 073
APNR - 214

PILOT - Scholar MISSION - Alert
PILOT - Sands Did not take-off

OCTOBER 9, 1943

APNR - 155
T.O. - 1600
LAND - 0115

PILOT - Gall MISSION - Sea Search
CONTACTS - None

APNR - 143
T.O. - 1619
LAND - 1700 (10/10)

PILOT - Scholar MISSION - Search &
Navigation mission to
Johnson IIs. & return

OCTOBER 10, 1943

APNR - 688
T.O. - 1602Z
LAND - 0128Z

PILOT - Bloch MISSION - Sea Search
CONTACTS - None

OCTOBER 11, 1943

APNR - 110
T.O. - 1606Z
LAND - 0130Z

PILOT - Storm MISSION - Sea Search
CONTACTS - None

OCTOBER 12, 1943

APNR - 073
T.O. - 1606Z
LAND - 0225Z

PILOT - Kerr MISSION - Sea Search
CONTACTS - None

OCTOBER 13, 1943

APNR - 155
T.O. - 1610Z
LAND - 0059Z

PILOT - Friedrich MISSION - Sea Search
CONTACTS - None

APNR - 143
T.O. - 1807Z
LAND - 1818Z (10/15)

pilot - Sands MISSION - Search &
Navigation mission to
Johnson Island & return

OCTOBER 14, 1943

APNR - 002
T.O. - 1609Z
LAND - 0128Z

PILOT - Stay

MISSION - Sea Search
CONTACTS - None

OCTOBER 15, 1943

APNR - 025
T.O. - 1619Z
LAND - 0207Z

PILOT - Scholar

MISSION - Sea Search
CONTACTS - None

OCTOBER 16, 1943

APNR - 688
T.O. - 1651Z
LAND - 0233Z

PILOT - Pratte

MISSION - Sea Search
CONTACTS - None

OCTOBER 17, 1943

APNR - 155
T.O. - 1619Z
LAND - 0106Z

PILOT - Bloch

MISSION - Sea Search
CONTACTS - None

APNR - 143
T.O. - 1625Z
LAND - 1755Z (10/18)

PILOT - Kerr

MISSION - Search &
Navigation Mission to
Johnson Island

OCTOBER 18, 1943

APNR - 149
T.O. - 1553Z
LAND - 0109Z

PILOT - Gall

MISSION - Sea Search
CONTACTS - None

OCTOBER 19, 1943

(NO TACTICAL MISSIONS THIS DATE)

OCTOBER 20, 1943

(NO TACTICAL MISSIONS THIS DATE)

OCTOBER 21, 1943

APNR - 002	PILOT - Stay	MISSION - Alert
APNR - 214	PILOT - Schmidt	Did not take-off
APNR - 143	PILOT - Pratte	MISSION - Search &
T.O. - 1613Z		Navigation Mission to
LAND - 1746Z (10/22)		Johnson Island & ck.

OCTOBER 22, 1943

(NO TACTICAL MISSIONS THIS DATE)

OCTOBER 23, 1943

APNR - 002	PILOT - Kerr	MISSION - Alert
APNR - 006	PILOT - Schmidt	Did not take-off

OCTOBER 24, 1943

APNR - 645	PILOT - Scholar	MISSION - Alert
APNR - 149	PILOT - Storm	Did not take-off
APNR - 688	PILOT - Kerr	MISSION - 4 hr. Alert
APNR - 110	PILOT - Stay	Did not take-off.
APNR - 960	PILOT - Gall	

THIS MARKS THE END OF TACTICAL MISSION
 ASSIGNMENTS FOR THE 42ND WHILE BASED
 AT KUALOA FIELD, Oahu, T.H.

The ground echelon left PH on the 1st of November 1943 aboard the S.S. President Tyler; DESTINATION - Funafuti. ARRIVAL AT FUNAFUTI: November 9, 1943. The last troops disembarked to the Island the evening of the 11th of November.

The air echelon left Oahu on the 11th of November. The squadron of 12 airplanes landed at Palmyra on the 11th, staying overnight. Leaving Palmyra, they arrived at Funafuti on November 12, 1943.

Members of the advance echelon of the 42d Bomb Squadron on board the U.S.S. President Tyler arrived in the lagoon off Funafuti on 9 November 1943, and on 12 November 1943, the B-24's arrived, bringing with them the combat crews, the remainder of the ground personnel, and additional equipment. Lt. Pratte, who took off from Kualoa with the formation, turned back because of engine trouble, and arrived several days later. Lt Kerr, whose airplane was being repaired at HAD, arrived at Funafuti about a week later.

Things happened fast after the squadron arrived. At approximately 1230 on 13 November 1943 the siren wailed, sending everyone to cover. Some six or eight Japanese bombers, presumably Sallys or Bettys, made several runs to drop in the vicinity of 40 bombs. The runway apparently was their primary target, but they failed to hit any of the bomb-loaded aircraft poised for the first strike against Betio Island on Tarawa Atoll. However, they did successfully bomb A/P 110 (Captain Storm's) and cause its destruction by fire. Small holes in the runway were soon repaired.

(TARAWA STRIKE)

(13 November 1943)

Nine of our airplanes, Numbers 155, 073, 214, 645, 688, 838, 960, 961, and 962, piloted by Captain Scholar, Lt Schmidt, Sands, Captain Storm, Its Gall, Dechert, Friedrich, and Captains Stay and Deasy, left Funafuti from 0100Z to 0115Z for a bombing strike against Betio Island on Tarawa. Eight of the airplanes carried 6x500 pound bombs with inert nose fuses and .025 tail settings, and one airplane carried 7x500 pound bombs with similar fuzings. The target was first observed at 0805Z from 35 miles and bombing was carried out from a distance of 15,000' indicated. A total of 55x500 bombs were dropped for the entire formation in three different flights. Captain Scholar's formation dropped a total of 16 on the island, in train, at approximately 150' interval. Two bombs were dropped in the water. Captain Storm's flight dropped a total of 10 on the target and nine fell into the water. Captain Stay's flight dropped five out of 18 into the water, the balance falling into the Pacific. Visual reconnaissance revealed that the north central section of the island immediately north of the main runway was heaviest hit, with probable heavy damage in the barracks area between runway and shoreline. Possible damage was done to gun

installations on the northwest point of the island. Five bombs of Captain Stay's formation hit on the southwest tip of the island. Anti-aircraft fire, which started just prior to the bomb run, was medium, low and trailing, with some heavy level and above. There was no interception and reports as to presence of enemy aircraft on the ground conflicted. All in all, though, it appeared that Tarawa was deserted. A small amount of shipping was sighted in the lagoon. Enemy losses were classed as unknown, and none of our airplanes were damaged or lost over the target. However, on the return trip some navigational difficulty was experienced, during which Lt Friedrich in Airplane #645 apparently became lost and made a water landing. He and his crew are presumed lost at sea.

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(SECOND JAP RAID)
15 November 43

Approximately 0340, Japanese bombers, 12 in number and bombing from 18,000' to 8000' came over Funafuti. During their estimated 12 runs, some 85 bombs were dropped. We suffered no personnel losses, although again one of our B-24's (A/P #688) was struck by a bomb and was completely burned. There were no bombs in the airplane.

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(JALUIT STRIKE)
(15 November 1943)

Seven of our airplanes (with ten from the 431st Bomb Sq, 962 Captain Storm; 073 Lt Sands; 688 Lt Gall; 156 Lt Pratte; 960 Captain Stay; 838 Lt Schmidt, and 961 Lt Dechert, took off from Funafuti from 2015Z to 2020Z for a bombing strike against Jabor Town on Jaluit.

Each airplane carried a 6x500 bomb load with instantaneous fuses - making a total of 42x500 pounders carried by this squadron.

The target was first sighted from 20 to 40 miles and the formation was over the target from 0300Z to 0312 at altitudes ranging from 12,000' to 15,900'. The weather over the target was very turbulent. Captain Stay deviated from his planned run due to cumulus over the target, claiming a hit on trawler type boat and four bombs in the vicinity of other sea craft.

Reports on damage accomplished were rather nebulous, with many bombs hitting in the waters of the harbor and on both sides of the island. ~~Some hits were reported actually on the island, but~~ the amount of damage was indefinite.

The airplanes landed from 1000Z to 1110Z.

Anti-aircraft fire was reported as meager, intense, moderately accurate in altitude, but inaccurate as to range, with some below. There was no interception nor were enemy aircraft other than few float type viewed.

Good photo coverage was obtained.

Captain Storm and Lt Dechert landed at Nanomea after returning from the target. On the approach to Nanomea one of Lt Dechert's engines cut out due to gas shortage and the bomber, #961, was damaged in landing. One crew member was hurt when he jumped out, his shoulder apparently striking the antenna wire. The airplane was turned over to the 30th Bomb Group (H) for salvage, marking our fourth loss.

It has been learned now that our raids are part of a "softening up" process designed to prepare the Gilbert and Marshall Islands for the invasion operations of task force groups who are even now on their way to hit Tarawa, Makin and Apemama, with additional landings presumably scheduled for the near future.

(MILLI STRIKE)

(17 November 1943)

Six of the 42d Bomb Squadron's B-24's left Funafuti at times ranging from 1945Z to 2055Z on 17 November 1943, with the runway and adjacent facilities as primary targets. The formation included Lt Gall in 214, Captain Stay in 960, Lt Schmidt in 100, Captain Scholar in 962, Lt Sands in 073, and Lt Pratte in 156.

Captain Scholar was forced to return only a few minutes after taking off due to a gas tank leak, and Lt Schmidt jettisoned his bombs into the ocean and returned after experiencing engine trouble.

Bomb loads were 6x500 GP's in each airplane with inst nose fuses and 8 - 11 second delay in the tail. The target was sighted from 20-25 miles at approximately 0315Z (average), and bombing was carried out from 12,800' to 13,000'.

Anti-aircraft over the target was meager to moderate, some heavy, accurate as to height but leading, close. There were no casualties.

Definite hits were observed on the gun battery on the runway and barracks north of the field, and black smoke was rising from an oil dump south of the intersection of Runways A and C. A gun emplacement failed to fire after one string of bombs landed in its area.

Numerous explosions were seen, but visibility at the target was not too good due to clouds.

24x500 pound demos were dropped, most of which hit the target, or target area, and the 431st dropped 65x100 pound bombs.

NAURU STRIKE

11-21-43

A diversionary raid was carried out against Nauru Island by our squadron on 21 November 1943, when the following airplanes left Funafuti: Lt Gall in 156, Lt Kerr in 143, Lt Dechert in 963, Captain Deasy in 214, Captain Storm in 962, Lt Sands in 073, Captain Stay in 960. Takeoff was from 2330Z to 2400Z. (The 431st Bomb Sqdn had taken off for Nauru shortly after dawn, and we were to be the second wave). Each airplane was loaded with 9x500 pound bombs, with .1 nose fuses and 4 - 5 second delay in the tails.

Clear with a high overcast was encountered all the way out to the target, and the weather over the target was described as clear.

Anti-aircraft fire began as the bombers were just starting their runs, and was described as some heavy, mostly medium, accurate as to altitude and range.

During the AA barrage a piece of shrapnel came up through the desk of Lt Weiss who was navigating on Lt Gall's airplane, injured his arm seriously, and wooden splinters from the table damaged his eye.

It was at first thought that the arm would require amputation, but was later believed unnecessary. T/Sgt Thomas Wyckoff was injured in the back by shrapnel and S/Sgt Arvid Ambur was slightly injured in the ~~arm~~ by shrapnel. There was no fighter opposition.

Between 75 and 80 percent of the bombs plastered the target, hitting runway installations, revetments and what appeared to be anti-tank installations along the shore and across the old runway. Photos showed that the island was pitted with bomb hits. This bombing was a diversionary affair designed to keep Nauru occupied after the Navy task force including the Aircraft Carrier Independence temporarily withdrew while the carrier was repaired. It was somewhat damaged by Torpedo Bombers.

One airplane, No. 143, returned to Funafuti when 405 miles from the target, due to engine trouble. Bombs were jettisoned to lighten the airplane. This strike was classed as very successful.

25 November 1943

The 42d Heavy Bomb Sqdn occupies at the present two separate portions of Funafuti Island.

The combat personnel are situated about four miles up toward the north end of the island, at which point the atoll is narrow enough to throw a stone across it.

The ground echelon is located in tents near the runway, at what is perhaps the widest point on the island, where a noticeable turn is made.

The entire island of Funafuti is dotted with elaborate fox holes,- it would be more correct to call them shelters. At least two, and more generally three or more men occupy these shelters during air raids, and they've beamed and sand-bagged them against the dangers of flying shrapnel or debris which might be tossed around by a bomb.

Rain water serves as wash water, and drinking and cooking water is obtained from a distilling plant which condenses salt water. It isn't too bad once you become accustomed to it.

More and more barrels and troughs are being erected in which to store rain water, for it is believed that the rainy season is just around the corner.

At least the first phase of our work is now completed, with the occupation of Tarawa, Makin and Apemama by the Task Force Groups. Our purpose was to "neutralize" these areas prior to the actual invasion, and all in all our bombings might be classed as successful to date. It won't be long now before we'll be utilizing Tarawa as an advance base for possible operations against the Marshalls, or perhaps other targets.

The last mission flown was against Nauru on 21 November 1943, when in conjunction with the 431st the 42d dropped 500 lb bombs. Resultant pictures revealed many bomb craters and it was estimated that much damage had been done.

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The period from 26 November to 29 November was one of inactivity. One mission had been planned for that period against Nauru, but was postponed.

30 November 1943

Today, the 42d Bomb Sq was to have struck Tarca Island, Maloelap Atoll, in conjunction with other squadrons of the Group. Each airplane was to have carried 6x500 demos, staging through Nanomea.

However, an inter-tropical front descended over the area, rendering the weather unfit for flying and the mission was cancelled. Whether this is a temporary postponement, or whether the mission will be carried out tomorrow, isn't known at this time.

There's still plenty of activity in the squadron area. Water barrels are being opened and cleaned, sand is being scattered in muddy areas, floors are appearing in tents. The food is beginning to be a bit better, and this morning we were served fresh rolls and butter. Quite the treat! Mail service is still a bit spotty, which is to be expected in this corner of the Pacific.

Last night, a 1/8TH size moon put in an appearance, much to our consternation, but it'll be several days before it is of sufficient brightness.

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1 December 1943

MILLE STRIKE

Seven of our B-24's were scheduled to hit Mille Atoll today, but troubles galore in the form of bad weather and engine trouble greatly reduced the power of the proposed strike. Airplanes originally intended for participation were: 073 piloted by Lt Pratte, 143 by Lt Kerr, 962 by Captain Storm, 960 by Captain Stay, 838 by Lt Schmidt, 214 by Lt Bloch, and 963 by Lt Dechert.

Engine trouble prevented Lt Schmidt's takeoff, Lt Bloch was forced to return immediately when a drop in RPM was attributed to a dead cylinder head, and Lt Pratte turned back after going 400 miles and becoming separated from the formation. The weather was far from good.

Carrying 6x500 lb demos with instantaneous nose and .025 tail fuses, the remaining four members of the formation continued to Mille. The target was not sighted until the planes were just over it, due to heavy cloud concentrations and squalls. The four airplanes made one run in formation, and then peeled off for individual runs. AA fire was meager and while somewhat accurate as to height, was not accurate as to lead. No damage was sustained.

(Mille Strike - Cont)

Varying degrees of evasive action was employed, consisting mainly of loss of altitude. Bombing was carried out from 9500-10,500 feet. Captain Stay salvoed his bombs over the target, but was unable to see where they hit. Captain Storm, with whom Major Cooper was riding, went over the target and with weather too extreme for use of the bomb-sight, visual "bombing" was carried out. The entire load was dropped, resulting in a large fire on the island. One bomb was known to have dropped into the water. Lt Kerr jettisoned his bombs. Lt Dechert, who failed to return to Funafuti, was last seen as he made an individual run over the target, - details of his bomb run are resultantly unknown. It is presumed that he either became lost at sea, was shot down over the target, or was destroyed by Six Zekes who appeared over the target. However, none of the Jap fighters appeared anxious to press home an attack, and were easily lost in the clouds. No shipping was viewed in the harbor, and visibility was so poor as to prevent complete visual reconnaissance of the island. However, the runways did appear repaired.

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2 DECEMBER 1943

There has still been no word regarding the fate of Lt Dechert and his crew, who failed to return from yesterday's Mille mission. Word was received today that this squadron will carry out a bombing strike against Nauru ~~xxxxxxx~~ 4 December 1943.

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3 December 1943

Today was spent in preparation for tomorrow's strike against Nauru. In addition to the 42d raid against the Gilbert base, six other squadrons (of the 11th and 30th Groups) will hit Mille, no doubt presaging an early task force attack, and possibly landing, against the Marshalls.

FUNAFUTI

NAURU STRIKE - 4 December 1943

Eight airplanes of the 42d Bomb Squadron, Capt Scholar in 100, Lt Sands, in 073, Capt Stay in 960, Lt Kerr in 143, Lt Gall in 959, Lt Pratte in 156, Capt Storm in 962, Lt Schmidt in 838, struck Nauru Island on 4 December 1943. Captains Stay, Scholar and Storm were flight commanders, and Major Cooper was deputy commander. The mission was primarily a bombing strike, but it was also desired to obtain photographs of the island and of a new fighter strip believed under construction at the north end of the island.

The bombers carried 6x500 GP's, with instantaneous nose and 4-5 second delay in the tail. Takeoff was at approximately 1740 GCT, and the planes were over the target at approximately 2300. The island was first seen from about 40-60 miles and bombing runs were at approximately 12,000'. This was a successful mission, with no bombs landing in the water. Photos reveal destruction of fuel tanks, railroad areas, and other trench areas and building installations. AA fire which began at the bombing run was meager to moderate, but rather inaccurate. Only one plane, 143 piloted by Lt Kerr, was damaged when a piece of shrapnel ripped a hole in the left stabilizer.

During the strike a smoke column, with heavy flame, soared thousands of feet into the air and was visible to the departing planes from a distance of 75 miles. This indicated a possible hit on an oil storage dump. There was no enemy interception and all planes and crews returned to Funafuti safely.

FUNAFUTI - 9 December 1944

Airplanes 156 piloted by Lt Fratts, 214 by Lt Smith, 838 by Lt Schmidt, 073 by Lt Sands, 960 by Captain Stay, 155 by Captain Schelar, 962 by Captain Stern, 143 by Lt Kerr, and 959 by Lt Gall, plus VII Bomcom A/P 067 piloted by Lt Col Rutledge, took off today for a daylight bombing strike against Mille Atoll in the Marshalls. Bomb load was 6x500 GPs with inst nose and tail fuses.

Airplanes were over the target from 0127Z to 0136Z, bombing from between 8-10,000'. There was interception on this mission, with Sgt Mills, Lt Schmidt's ball turret gunner receiving a slight injury in the calf of his left leg from a piece of AA. Aerial bombs were used by the enemy fighters, but they caused no damage and their range was short and trailing. For the most part, all bombs were seen to drop onto or near the target area, and returning crew members reported seeing smoke and flame from the island.

FUNAFUTI - 12 December 1944

Pushing on through extremely rough weather, Captains Stay and Stern left Funafuti at 1803 GCT for Jaulit Atoll, where Captain Stay bombed the alternate target, Jaber Town, and Captain Stern bombed Ruidj.

Captain Stay, in A/P 960, took off at 1803Z, was over the target at 0153Z, dropping 4x1000 lb GP's with inst fuzings and returned to Tarawa for refueling at 0430Z. He landed again at Funafuti at 1030Z. Bombing was done from 7000', but due to the extreme weather, visibility was practically nil. There was no interception and AA was heavy, accurate as to altitude, but bearing left.

Flying A/P 962, Captain Stern left Funafuti at 1750Z, was over Ruidj at 0115Z, dropping 6x500 lb GP's with inst fuzings in 250' train. He landed at Nanomea at 0645Z, returning to base at 0945Z. Results of the run were unknown, because bombs fell into cloud formations and were not again visible. AA was meager, heavy and medium, to the side and trailing. There was no interception.

FUNAFUTI - 14 December 1944

On this date, the following airplanes took off for a bomb strike against Taren, Maleclap Atoll in the Marshalls, carrying 20x100 lb bombs:

Lt Sands in 073, Lt Schmidt in 838, Lt Smith in 214, Lt Pratte in 156, Captain Stern in 962, Lt Kerr in 992, and Captain Beasy in 959. The airplanes staged from Funafuti thru Nanomea and each airplane carried 20x100 lb bombs. Takeoff from Nanomea was at approximately 1800GCT, and the airplanes were over the target at approximately 0025 GCT.

Interception on this mission was fairly heavy, and they seemed to concentrate on Captain Beasy and Lt Pratte.

Lt Kerr returned from Nanomea due to malfunctions, Lt Smith did not reach the target due to illness of the copilot, turning back at Makin. Lt Sands jettisoned his bombs, due to rack malfunctions.

AA was described as meager to heavy, mostly inaccurate. It was impossible to report on visual observations, for the target was closed in to .9, and bombs went down through the clouds.

There were no losses, nor were any of our airplanes damaged.

16 December 1943

Our mess hall was destroyed by fire today, the flames first eating out the kitchen proper and then racing down through the Quonset-type building completely consuming chairs, mess tables, equipment and a batch of photograph records.

It was the middle of the morning when Sergeant Tippens and Corporal Straight of Radar were pumping gasoline from a drum beside the mess hall (used to fill our gasoline stoves) when in some manner the gasoline struck a boiling laundry nearby, causing a sudden flare-up. Both Tippens and Straight were burned about the arms and hands, Straight badly and Tippens suffering first and second degree burns. Straight was whisked to the hospital and given an anesthetic to alleviate the pain.

The flame spread rapidly, soon igniting the wooden mess hall. Efforts to quell the blaze with foam extinguishers were hampered by the knowledge that gas stoves and gasoline drums might explode. Resultantly, fire fighters kept their distance.

The fire was raging merrily when hoses were finally brought to bear, but by then it was too late, and danger of exploding gasoline continued to keep the fire fighters away.

The onlookers and workers scattered quickyl when one of the drums did spiral into the air with a flash of flame. By now the flames had reached the rounded building and was sweeping through like a blast furnace.

A Marine barracks and the Communications building were threatened, particularly the latter, but wet blankets and streams of water forestalled their ignition. The orderly room and nearby S-2 - Operations and were also in line of the blaze, but were undamaged.

Gasoline stoves, boxes of rations, and practically all mess equipment was destroyed.

K rations were served for dinner. For the evening meal, engineering personnel went to the 431st and the remainder to the combat area.

Group apparently won't be eating with us any more.

Breakfast will be served as usual in the same building in the morning.

It was just a few days after the destruction of the mess hall by fire that the 42d was notified that it was being moved back to Oahu. There was to be one more mission before our return, that against heavily defended Taroa on Malaelap Atoll.

The movement order came during the rainy season on Funafuti, and as a result plans for packing were somewhat interfered with. Equipment became dampened and, in some cases, very wet, causing mold to form.

The ship on which the trip back was to be made was waiting for us out in the harbor, a liberty ship named the George W. Julian.

Just why we were to return was not known- the order came suddenly.

TAROA MISSION * 20 December 1945.

Lt Kerr in 145, Captain Storm in 155, Lt Gall in 100, Lt Perr (451st) in 007, Lt Schmidt in 858, Lt Stay in 960, Lt Sands in 075, Lt Smith in 214, and Lt Pratte in 156, staged through Nanomea for a strike against Taroa on Malaelap Atoll. Each airplane carried 6X500 GP bombs. Interception began as the airplanes pulled away from an AA splattered bomb run, with 20 - 30 Zekes and Hampes rising to the attack.

AA began as the airplanes neared the island, in some cases not reported as occurring until the run had started. Reports indicated that the mission was successful, with a majority of the bombs landing in or near the target area. Lt Gall did not reach the target due to malfunction. It was on this mission that Lt Smith had two engines shot out either by AA or cannon fire, and found it necessary to make a water landing about 75 miles from Taroa. Covered by other elements of the flight, he made what was described as "an excellent" water landing, from which at least four men were seen to leave the badly damaged airplane and crawl onto two rafts. Captain Stay had, prior to the crash, radioed to both Humbo and Lifeguard to come in, and this was later found to have reached both agencies through other intercepting mediums as well as the original call. It was later found that upon arriving at the spot, no trace was found of the survivors, and it is presumed that they either were strafed by returning Jap airplanes or taken prisoner.

Several Jap interceptors were knocked off on this mission, by Sergeant Keruyat of Sands crew, Sgt Brannan of Lt Kerr's crew, Sgt Roth, Sgt Ball, and S/Sgt Tanner of Captain Stay's crew. These were all confirmed, having been seen to either

Jan 10th 1944

All sections were assigned buildings and preparations begun for regular operations. Crates of equipment are to arrive from the Julian tomorrow by rail, and details for unloading, checking, and distribution have been made up.

Jan. 11th 1944

Unloading from rail siding near the rock crushing mill at the west end of the runway began at about 0400 this morning, and was finished shortly after noon. The following crews, with their designated number, were attached from Hq & Hq Sq VII BC R/E for combat training with the 42D. The training program was set up by our officers, with changes and additions by BC, and designed to give as much combat information to the new crews as possible, at the same time excluding material they have already received in the States which would not apply to this theater of war.

Crew #7

2 Lt James D Chambers - Pilot
2 Lt Robert C La Liberte - CoPilot
2 Lt Alvin F Ignatowski - Nav
2 Lt Donald D Wogoman - Bomb
S/Sgt Lawrence G Eaton - Eng
Sgt William J Rikar - Ass't E
Sgt Victor R Pizute - Ass't E
Sgt Thomas E McGowan - Radio O
Pvt Clyde A Butler - A.G.
Sgt Joseph H. Genovese - G

Crew #8

2 Lt James B Wagner - Pilot
2 Lt Blaine H Elwell - Co Pilot
2 Lt Alfred J. Herlitska - Nav
1st Lt Paul M Macmillan - Bomb
S/Sgt Edward J Rizauto - Eng
Sgt Leo J Patterson - AE
Pvt Robert C Sheldon - Radio O
Sgt Clarence E Messer - AG
S/Sgt Eric M Shrewsbury - AG
Sgt Harry R Reynolds - AG

Crews 2 and 3 were made up from assigned 42D combat men who have been with the organization since the replacement arrived last May and have flown strikes from the Squadron's advanced base and staging areas. The personnel of these crews is as follows:

Crew #2

1st Lt Jordan M Churchill - Pilot
1st Lt Frank (NMI) Angel - CoPilot
Captain Bernard C McPartland Jr - Nav
2 Lt John W Toomey - Bomb
T/Sgt John C Kankous - Eng
S/Sgt Thomas B Hermanson - AE
Sgt George H Arnold - Radio O
S/Sgt Clarence W Haig - Radar & AG
S/Sgt Don F Morgan - AG (Trans March 12 '44 to 1124th
Gunnery School APO 953)
Cpl Albert G Marston - AG (Reassignment in States April 7/44)
S/Sgt Arthur D Bandy - AG
S/Sgt Raymond P Bryant - AG

Crew #3

1st Lt Charles F Pratte - Pilot
Capt Rex R Rhea - CoPilot
2 Lt Randolph H Ball - Nav
2 Lt Richard J Meagher - Bomb
T/Sgt William H Mashaw - Eng
S/Sgt William C Findle - AE
T/Sgt John (NMI) Slawsky - Radio O
Cpl Joseph R Hyson - Radar
Sgt Arthur T Maloney - G
Sgt William J Farrell - AG

Jan 12 1944

The following crew, designated as Training Crew #23,
was attached this date from Hq & Hq VII BC.

1st Lt John Wattick - Pilot
2 Lt Lawrence R Robinson - Co Pilot
2 Lt Joseph W Pritchard - Nav
2 Lt Emanuel Amendolagine - Bomb
T/Sgt Ross L Gilhan - Eng
S/Sgt David L Janwich - AE
S/Sgt Fred H McClard - Eng
T/Sgt Ralph W Jeffries - Radio O
S/Sgt Fredrick - Radar O
S/Sgt Homer D Dailey - AG
S/Sgt Jacob N Jacobsen - AG

Jan 13th 1944

Capt Stern, 1st Lts Gall, Kerr, Leeman, Schmidt, Scott, 2 Lts Buffington, Fridrich, Kotch, Martin, Peterson, Phelan, Reale, Thrasher, Tyrell, F/O Odom, T/Sgts Ambur, Hastings, Moulton, Ogdon, Price, Read, Rosenberg, Roth, Smith, Wolf, S/Sgts Ball Brannan, Conley, Jurgensmier, Miller, Shaulinski, Smith, Storts, Tanner, Wills, Sgts Allard, Gilleran and Johnson left at 0830 this morning on DS to Hq 11th Gp.

Jan 14th 1944

1st Lt Sands, Brown, 2 Lts Busyczak, Koons, T/Sgt Hotz, Isaacs, S/Sgt Ford, Sgt Karnyat, Cpls Bibeau, Gase left at 0730 on DS to Hq 11th Bomb Gp. The following crew, designated as Training Crew #9, was attached from Hq & Hq VII BC.

Crew #9

1st Lt Courtney T Rudin - Pilot
2 Lt Hugh R Wilson - CoPilot
2 Lt Carl A Willner - Nav
2 Lt William K Earman - Bomb
S/Sgt Adie G Smith - Eng
Sgt Cletus E Herman - AE
S/Sgt Rudolph L Specter - Radio O
Sgt Bernard F Forkins - AG
Sgt James E Berryhill - AG.
Sgt Harold V Yorba - AG

Crew #10

2 Lt Stanley L Opperman - Pilot
2 Lt Clyde M Marker - CoPilot
2 Lt Franklin (NMI) Wood - Nav
2 Lt Paul P Stephens - Bomb
S/Sgt Glenn J Slumska - Eng
Sgt Clifford E Haidet - AE
Sgt Thomas E Cladwell - AE
S/Sgt Louis (NMI) LaPere - Radio O
Sgt Sidney (NMI) Shapiro - AG
Sgt William A Maloney - AG

Jan 16th 1944

T/Sgt DeRoche, Sgts Carlson, Hesterberg, Rosenthal, Shaffer, Cpls Larmour, Smith left on DS to 7th AAF Communications, APO 953, for two weeks of radar training. Crews #7, #8, #9 and #10 left on DS for the 1124th Gunnery Sch at APO 953.

Jan 17th 1944

Major Earl J Cooper was relieved of command of the 42D Bomb Sq and left for the mainland. Capt John J Deasy, formerly pilot and Operations officer, assumed Command.

Jan 18th 1944

The following crews, designated as Training Crews #4,5, 6 and 11 were attached from Hq & Hq VII BC.

Crew #4

2 Lt Dwight A Nesmith - Pilot
2 Lt Kenneth L Ramsay - CoPilot
2 Lt Ervin E Wittman - Nav
2 Lt Leo M Fisher - Bomb
S/Sgt Frank J Arich - Eng
Sgt Charles F Philpott - AE
Sgt Wayne E Standerford - AE
S/Sgt James C Mack - Radio O
Pvt James M Engel - AG
Sgt Herbert L Johnston - G

Crew #5

2 Lt Robert E Wills - Pilot
2 Lt James M Bibb - CoPilot
2 Lt William H Gille - Nav
2 Lt David H Watkins - Bomb
S/Sgt Addison L Marple - Eng
S/Sgt Robert J Black - Radio O
Sgt Russell E Weber - AE
Sgt Thomas E Zenner - AE
Sgt Philip F Steinhauser - AG
Sgt Donald J Guathier - AG

Crew #6

2 Lt Ralph N Max - Pilot
2 Lt John W Mackey - CoPilot
2 Lt Carl J Anderson - Nav
2 Lt Edward C Gelsleichter - Bomb
S/Sgt John G MacIntosh - Eng
Sgt John H Guyett - AE
Sgt George C Smith - AE
S/Sgt Albert (NMI) Selsky - Radio O
Sgt Frank W Snook - G
Sgt Donald E Pipes - AG

Crew # 11

2 Lt Major M Messick - Pilot
2 Lt Ben E Myrick - CoPilot
2 Lt Lyndon V Collins - Nav
2 Lt Roger K Eddy - Bomb
S/Sgt William E Stotsenburg - Eng
S/Sgt Vance (NMI)Wong - AE
S/Sgt Fredrich R Metcalf - Radio O
S/Sgt Robert L Burkholder - AG
S/Sgt Walter W Mason - G

1st Lt Philip H Kroh, assigned to the Squadron on September 12, 1943, took over Captain Jesse E Stay's crew and it became Training Crew #12, with Captain Stay appointed Operations Officer.

Crew #12

1st Lt Philip H Kroh - Pilot
2 Lt Benjamin R Cook - CoPilot
1st Lt Harold K Pullium - Nav
2 Lt Lawrence R Lawson - Bomb
T/Sgt Charles (NMI)Bogdon - Eng
Sgt John J Harris - AE
Sgt Lloyd H Hudman - Radio O
S/Sgt James W Blackmore - AG
S/Sgt John I Richards - AG
S/Sgt Clovis L Stephenson - A Radio O

Jan 22nd 1944

The following crew, designated as Training Crew #13, was attached from Hq & Hq VII BC.

Crew #13

F/O Donald H Murray - Pilot
2 Lt Francis G Hensel - CoPilot
2 Lt Donald J Pils - Nav-bomb
F/O Harry (NMI) Ebeling - Bomb
T/Sgt Robert D Whitman - Eng
S/Sgt George D Hensley - AE
Sgt William E Robinson - AE
T/Sgt Harold E. Hawkins - Radio O
Sgt Thomas L Davis AG
Sgt Samuel J Coppola - AG

23 Jan 1944

The following crew, designated as Training Crew #14, was assigned from Hq & Hq VII BC.

Crew #14 (Assignment)

2 Lt Francis (NMI) Poulos - Pilot
2 Lt Bernard J Braiter - CoPilot
2 Lt Thomas G Page - Nav
2 Lt Stephen J Coffey - Bomb
T/Sgt Lloyd J Rainbolt - Eng
S/Sgt James L Keil - Eng
Sgt Harold J Kilpatrick - AE
T/Sgt Alexander C Shinsky - Radio O
Sgt Richard W Martin - AG
Sgt William B Gannon - AG

ended
The first week of training on Jan 22. The final program called for each crew to complete a four week period at the 1124th Gunnery School, APO 953 and ground training composed of one hour of CWS, nine hours of Communications, six hours of Radar, two hours of Ordnance, six hours of Armament, one hour of Engineering, and twenty-two hours in S-2. The latter was divided into Orientation, POF and ODF instruction - Geography I, II and III, Aircraft and Seacraft Identification, Water Safety Equipment, Water Landings, Target Folders, Photo Interpretation, and miscellaneous subjects. Each crew was to make at least one flight per day in addition to its ground training. Training from January 17th to Jan 23 consisted of: 4 crews in Gunnery School; eight bombing missions, individual, and 1 formation bombing with 4 A/P; 3 instrument flights; 5 strange field landings totaling 23 landings; 1 hour of Communication lectures to 4 Radio O; 15 hours of Link Trainer; 1 1/2 hours of Bomb Trainer; S-2 training of POF & ODF to 5 crews, Water Landing to 3 crews, 2 A/P Ident to 6 crews, with informal geography discussions and reading sessions added.

24th Jan 1944

Regular training program carried out.

25th Jan 1944

The APO number for the Squadron changed from 953 to 959 with no change in geographical location. Regular training program carried out.

Jan 26th 1944

1st Lts Angel, Churchill, Pratte, 2 Lts Ball,
Chalfant, Spence, T/Sgts Mashaw, O'Brien, Scearce, Yankus,
S/Sgts Findle, Hermanson left Squadron on DS on ~~same~~
~~mission~~ in connection with military activities, ferry mission
to Mullinix Cld, Elling Thruwa.

Jan 27th 1944

The following crews, designated as Training Crews 15,
16 and 17, were attached from Hq & Hq VII BC.

Crew #15

2 Lt Harry W Anderson - Pilot
2 Lt James W Phipps - CoPilot
2 Lt Dan O Dowe - Nav
2 Lt Elmer L Helm - Bomb
Sgt Carlton F Hayes - Eng
Sgt William N Eliapoulos - AE
Sgt Albert P Emilio - AE
Sgt Robert A Firpo - Radio O
Sgt William P Bemis - AG
Sgt Kenneth G Spence - AG

Crew #16 (Assigned)

2 Lt Leland A Bates - Pilot
2 Lt Henry K Samples - CoPilot
2 Lt James J Donnellan - Nav
2 Lt Paul E Headwohl - Bomb
S/Sgt Arthur J Fritz - Eng
S/Sgt Frank E Cincinello - AE
Sgt Jerome J Darwin - AE
Sgt Howard F Dalton - G
S/Sgt Anthony C Simone - Radio O
Sgt Edgar R Glass - AG

Crew #17

2 Lt Warren G VanHouten - Pilot
2 Lt John N Weinstock - Nav
F/O William E Ward - CoPilot
2 Lt Edgar L Lockwitz - Bomb
Sgt Robert S Kroll - Eng
Sgt Robert J Fjerstad - AE
Sgt Ray C Burgess - AE
Sgt Frank H Korona - Radio O
Sgt Harley L Adams - AG
Sgt Thomas J McCaffrey - AG

Jan 28th 1944

Regular training program carried out.

Jan 29th 1944

Regular training program carried out.

Jan 30th 1944

1st Lts Angel, Churchill, 2 Lt Chalfant, T/Sgts O'Brien, Scearce, S/Sgt Hermanson returned from DS on ~~XXXXXX~~ mission. Crew # 15 on DS to 1124th, Hickam Field. The following crew, designated as Crew # 18, was attached from HQ & Hq VI-BC.

Crew # 18

2 Lt Edwin T Szczypinski - Pilot
2 Lt Robert F Allgeier - CoPilot
2 Lt Bernard O Wienckowski - Nav
2 Lt Elmer T Paul - Bomb
Sgt Lester R West - Eng
Sgt Ernest J Szydowski - AE
Sgt Carl B Swift O Radio O
Sgt John W Refy - AG
Sgt Harvey a Hitt - G
Sgt Edward R Westpfahl - AC

Jan 31st 1944

S/Sgt Ellis, Sgt Freeman, Kerr, Cps Haggard, Jones, and Kearney on DS to 7th AAF Communication at Hickam Field for Radar training. The training program for the week Jan 24 to January 30 included: 4 crews at 1124th G.S.; 2 individual bombing missions; 5 formation bombing missions; 3 instrument flights; 4 strange field landings totaling eight hours; 11 hrs of Radar to 11 crews, 1 hr of Radio to radio operators, and 4 hrs of communications to 4 crews; 6 hrs of link trainer; 11 hrs of bomb trainer to 11 crews; s-2 lecture of 7 hrs to 7 crews; orientation to 5 crews & water landing to 1); 6 hrs of first aid to 6 crews; 2 hrs of bomb loading to 2 crews; 9 hrs CWS to 9 crews; 7 hrs of Ord to 7 crews; 5 hrs of armament to 5 crews.

Feb 1st 1944

Cpl Miguel Perez, cook, confined to guardhouse at Wheeler Field pending trial for assaulting Pfc Melvin Jakubowski last night. Weapon: boning knife; Place: kitchen; Reason: ?; Wound: deep gash in Jakubowski's left side, front, just below shoulder. Result: Jakubowski recovered in hospital, Perez sentenced to one year and DD at ~~Wheeler Field~~ Schofield.

Feb 2nd 1944

Usual training program carried out.

Feb 3rd 1944

M/Sgt John D Meeks, photography section head, transferred in grade to 18th Replacement Wing, Salt Lake City, Utah. Meeks arrived in Pacific on Dec 7th, 1941, arriving with flight of B-17s which included former Squadron CO's Major (now Brig Gen) Truman H Landon and Lt (now Major) Earl J Cooper.

Feb 4th 1944

Usual training program carried out.

Feb 5th 1944

Usual training program carried out.

Feb 6th 1944

Crew 17 (2 Lt Warren G Van Houten, Pilot) and Crew 18 (2 Lt Edwin T Szczypinski, Pilot) to Gunnery School.

Feb 7th 1944

1st Lt Pratte, 2 Lts Ball, Spence, T/Sgt Mashaw, Yankus, S/Sgt Findle returned to duty from DS on ~~Secret~~ mission.

Feb 8th 1944

Usual training program carried out.

Feb 9th 1944

Usual training program carried out.

Feb 10th 1944

Usual training program carried out.

Feb 11th 1944

Radio Ops S/Sgts Black, Hawkins, Mack, Metcalf, Selsky left on DS to 7th AAF Communications.

Feb 12th 1944

1st Lt Samuel Catanzarite transferred to Hamilton Fld, California. Crews 4,5,6, and 11 DS to Gunnery School, Hic Field. Crews 7,8,9 and 10 returned from Gunnery School.

(Addition to notes for 6th Feb 1944: Training program for period Jan 31 to Feb 6 included 5 crews at 1124th Gunnery School; 6 individual high altitude bombing mission; 1 formation, of 2 A/Ps, high alt bombing; 5 instrument flights totaling 10 hours actual inst time; in cooperation with pursuit - 1 bombing miss as escort, 1 searchlight mission as interceptors; 1 crew for 1 hour in power turret training; 18 hrs of radar to 9 crews; 13 hrs communications to 6 crews; 15 hrs of link trainer to 12 individuals; 11 hrs of geography to 5 crews; 21 hrs of A/C Ident to 10 crews; 2 hrs of Water Landings to 2 crews; 1 hr of POF to 1 crew; 11 hrs of armament to 5 crews; 10 hrs of Ord to 5 crews; 1 hr of orientation to 1 crew; 3 hrs of CWS to 3 crews; 7 hrs of first aid to 7 crews.)

Feb 13th 1944

Training program for the period Feb 7th to Feb 13 included: 7 crews at gunnery school; 2 individual high alt bombing missions; 2 formation bombing missions of 3 & 4 A/Ps respectively; 1 night formation flight of 2 A/Ps; 5 instrument flights of 9 hrs actual inst time; 3 radar flights to Maui; 1 crew in 1 hr of power turret training; 8 hrs of communications to 8 crews; 4 hrs of radar to 4 crews; 1 hr of blinker training to 1 crew; 15 hrs of link trainer to 12 individuals; 10 hrs of bomb trainer to 10 individuals; 22 hrs of A/C Ident to 22 crews; 1 hr meeting of bombardiers; 1 hr of m/gun class to 1 crew; 4 hrs of armament to 4 crews; 4 hrs of medical lecture to 4 crews; 2 hrs of transition landings to Lt Pratte.

Feb 14th 1944

Usual training program carried out.

15th Feb 1944

Usual training program carried out.

Feb 16th 1944

Usual training program carried out.

Feb 17th 1944

Usual training program carried out.

Feb 18th 1944

Usual training program carried out.

Feb 19th 1944

Usual training program carried out.

Feb 20th 1944

Crews 13, 16 to gunnery school on DS, with crew 15 returning to squadron from DS at Gunnery School. Two crews, designated as Training Crews #25 and #26, were placed on DS to the 1124th Gunnery School at Hickam after being attached from Hq & Hq Sq VII BC, effective Feb 19th. The personnel of these crews is listed below:

Crew #25

1st Lt Henry A Slayton - Pilot
2 Lt Joseph P Keene - CoPilot
2 Lt Harry B Girdler - Nav
2 Lt Chester C Doherty - Bomb
S/Sgt James H Walker - Eng
Sgt Crane E Ferguson - AE
Sgt Errol L Newbury - AE
S/SGT Earl H Torrey - Radio O
Sgt James K Koetz - G
Sgt Wayne E Neff - G

Crew #26

2 Lt Doris T White - Pilot
F/O Harold R Taylor - CoPilot
2 Lt Alfred E Flocke - Nav
1st Lt Marcello J Rossano - Bomb
Sgt Loren J Albertsen - AE
Sgt Bertram R Friedman - AE
S/SGT David T Riddell - Radio O
Sgt John (MMI) Mysliss - G
Sgt Leon J Myslensk - G
Cpl Earle C Heritage - A Radio O

Feb 21st 1944

The following crews, attached from Hq & Hq Sq, VII BC, are designated as Training Crews #27, 28, 29 and 30. The crew members are;

Crew #27

2 Lt Dale V Romig - Pilot
2 Lt George W Maybury - CoPilot
2 Lt Philip A Matcovich - Nav
2 Lt William J Wong - Bomb
S/Sgt Guy V Miller - Eng
Sgt William E Head * AE
S/Sgt Lester C Rhynard * Radio O
Sgt Paul V Whitlock - AG
Sgt Francis S Frohlich - G
Sgt John W Kester - G

Crew #28

2 Lt Woodrwo W Waterous - Pilot
2 Lt Austin S Helms - CoPilot
2 Lt Donald L Lavender - Bomb
2 Lt Alex (NMI) Peck - Nav
S/Sgt William P Shelton - Eng
S/Sgt Paul S Ragusa - Radio O
Sgt Jack H Young - AE
Cpl Arthur L Christopherson - AG
Sgt William C Terwilliger - AG
Sgt Philip W Wagner - AG

Crew #29 Assigned

2 Lt Frank F Pazona - Pilot
2 Lt Franklin T Thompson - CoPilot
2 Lt Leon B Raeburn - Nav
1st Lt William D Phelan - Bomb
S/Sgt Erwin (NMI) Geiger - Eng
S/Sgt Aurelio (NMI) Zamarripa - AE
S/Sgt Albert E Nelms - AE
S/Sgt William E Gorlick - Radio O
S/Sgt William M Hartman - AG
S/Sgt Frank J Spring - AG

Crew # 30

2 Lt Francis B Allen - Pilot
2 Lt Louie K Brunner - CoPilot
2 Lt Marcel R Boucher - Nav
2 Lt Charles H Gabe - Bomb
S/Sgt Grant (NMI) Conley - Eng
Sgt Dan (NMI) Ingram - AE
Sgt Walter A Hudgens - AE
Sgt William F Greer - Radio O
Sgt Clarence R Close - AG
Sgt Edwin G Astle - G

The Training program for the period Feb 14th to Feb 20th included: 7 crews at gunnery school; 5 individual bombing missions; 1 formation bombing of 3 A/Ps; 5 instrument flights totaling 9 hrs actual ins time; 4 strange field landing flights; 7 special search missions; 3 co-pilot landing flights; 11 hrs of radar to 11 crews; 1 hr of code and blinker to 1 crew; 10 hrs of communications to 10 crews; 16 hrs of link trainer to 12 individuals; 8 hrs of bomb trainer to 8 crews; 4 hrs of A/C Ident to 4 crews; 1 hr of S/C Ident to 1 crew; 5 hrs of Geography to 4 crews; 6 hrs of POF-ODF to 6 crews; 4 hrs of photo interp to 4 crews; 2 hrs of water landings to 2 crews; 1 hr of target folders to 1 crew; 6 hrs of armament to 4 crews; 7 hrs of Ord to 7 crews; 1 hr of fuel transfer class to 1 crew; 3 hrs of CWS to 3 crews; 1 hr med lecture to 1 crew. Lt Pratte flew one hr of local transition. Standard Y Sea Searches for the week were flown by Lts Bates, Wagner and Rudin.

Feb 22 1944

Regular training program carried out.

Feb 23rd 1944

Regular training program carried out.

Feb 24th 1944

Capt Deasy, 2 Lts Ball, Bean and T/Sgt Searce left on DS to 11th Gp, ~~Wageningen~~ Kwa-Nien.

Feb 25th 1944

The following crews, designated as Training Crews #31, 23 and 33 were attached from Hq & Hq Sq VII BC.

Crew #21 Assigned Pilot was

2 Lt Reginald O Spence - Pilot (Assigned to the 42D October
2 Lt James (NMI) Dolan - CoPilot (14th, 1943.)
2 Lt David (NMI) Melxner - Nav
2 Lt Thomas P Davidson - Bomb
S/Sgt Raymond R Grzeskowiak - Eng
Sgt Elvin L Stanley - AE
S/Sgt Flyod D Black - Radio O
Sgt Philip L Loveless - AG
Sgt Henry F Eanes - AG
Pfc Robert L Schwietzer - AG

Crew #32

2 Lt Earl L. Heidick - Pilot
F/O Walter E Albitz - CoPilot
2 Lt Walter T Houghton - Nav
2 Lt Thomas C Thomann - Bomb
S/Sgt Richard H Whelan - Eng
Sgt Edward T Curtin - AE
S/Sgt Oscar J Echart - Radio O
Sgt Stanton K Gleason - AG
Sgt Desmond W Stafslie - G
Sgt Kenneth B Baeth - G

Crew # 33

1st Lt James E Higgins - Pilot
2 Lt Lewis W Leonberger - CoPilot
2 Lt Lloyd L Weisinger - Nav
2 Lt Chauncey L Walker - Bomb
S/Sgt Alex (NMI) Boyarsky - Eng
S/Sgt Howard V Gefvert - AE
S/Sgt William D Burford - Radio O
Pvt Jules T McKane - AG
S/Sgt Joseph C O'Sullivan * AG
Sgt Howard F Dalton - G

Feb 26th 1944

Regular Training Program carried out.

Feb 27th 1944

Crew #14 DS to Gunnery School, Crews #17 & 18 return.

Feb 28th 1944

Training for the period Feb 21 to Feb 27 included:
10 crews in Gunnery School; 12 individual bombing missions;
5 formation bombings of 3 A/P each; 1 night formation
flight of 2 A/Ps; 2 instrument flights with 2 hrs and
40 min actual inst time; 7 transitional flights for new
pilots totaling 25 landings; 4 strange field landings for
new pilots totaling 14 landings; 2 night transition flights
of 3 1/2 hrs total for new pilots; one DF mission of 3 hrs;
2 searchlight missions of 4 hrs and 10 min; 10 hrs of code
& blinker to 10 crews; 14 hrs of radar to 14 crews; 4 hrs
of communications to 4 crews; 10 hrs of link trainer to
9 individuals; 6 hrs of bomb trainer for 6 crews; 13 hrs
A/C Ident for 13 crews; 2 hrs of geog to 2 Crews; 2 hrs
of photo interp to 2 crews; 4 hrs of water landings to
4 crews; 2 hrs of S/C Ident to 2 crews; 5 hrs of POP*ODF
to 5 crews; 4 hrs of Arma to 4 crews; 13 hrs med lecture

to 13 crews; 6 hrs Ord to 6 crews; 3 hrs of CWS to 3 crews; and 4 hrs of fuel transfer to 4 crews. Standard Y Sea Searches during the week were flown by Lts Pouls, Romig and Anderson.

Feb 29th 1944

Leap year's extra day - practically no marriages in the squadron during the past 24 hours. Training program carried out as usual.

March 1st 1944

Crew #8 relieved from attached status, left for the F/E 11th Bomb Gp (H).

Mar 2nd 1944

Crews #7 and 9 relieved from attached status, left for the F/E 11th Bomb Gp(H).

Mar 3rd 1944

Crews # 30 and 32 DS to Gunnery School.

Mar 4th 1944

Usual Training Program carried out.

Mar 5th 1944

Capt. Deasy, 2 Lts Ball, Bean, T/Sgt Scarce returned from DS with 11th Gp (H) at ██████████. Crews # 4,5,6,11, 20,28 and 29 DS to Gunnery School. Training for the period Feb 28 to March 5th included: 13 crews at Gunnery School; 5 individual bombing missions; 1 formation bombing mission; 2 instrument flights totaling 5 hrs; 4 local transition flights totaling 6-1/2 hrs; 2 strange field landing flights of 3-1/2 hrs; 1 hr of power turret to 1 crew; 17 hrs of radar to 17 crews; 7 hrs of code and blinker to 7 crews; 2 hrs of communication equip to 2 crews; 3 hrs of code books to 3 crews; 6 hrs of link to 6 indiv; 21 hrs of bomb trainer to 19 indiv; 18 hrs of A/C Ident to 18 crews; 4 hrs of geog to 4 crews; 2 hrs of water landing to 2 crews; 1 hr each of orientation, POF and photo interp to 3 crews; 3 hrs of bomb rack class to 3 crews; 2 hrs of arms and ammunition to 2 crews; 1 hr of bombs and fuses to 1 crew; 7 hrs of med lecture to 7